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## Lukewarm response to market plan

PLANS to redevelop Dudley's historic market have received a lukewarm response from residents who say the cash could be better spent elsewhere in the town.

Dudley Council revealed its plans for the market last week, asking people for their views on three options of how the site should look after a £6 million revamp.

But at a meeting of Central Dudley Area Committee some residents expressed concerns. They said the authority should look at improving roads, lowering rents and introducing free car parking to boost trade.

Isobel Byrne, of Oakham Road, Dudley, said all three development options were not in keeping with the historic nature of the town. "Dudley markets itself on being a traditional market town but these designs are modern," she said.

Her husband Paul said that new business should be the priority and called for road improvements.

Council officer Rupert Dugdale said the cash for the changes had come from a fund and could only be used for this purpose.

Councillors cautiously welcomed the scheme but Councillor Malcolm Davies said rents would still need to be looked at.

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## Lenny to star at top theatre

DUDLEY star comedian Lenny Henry is returning to dramatic acting and this time will be appearing at one of the world's most prestigious theatre venues.

Lenny, who was the main presenter for the BBC's record-breaking Comic Relief night on Friday – which raised more than £74 million – will be making his debut at the National Theatre, on London's South Bank, in Shakespeare's The Comedy of Errors later this year.

The former Dudley Blue Coat School pupil made his stage drama debut in 2009, also in Shakespeare, playing Othello.

Lenny will be directed by the acclaimed Dominic Cooke, artistic director of the Royal Court, and the production will run from November through the festive period.

## Easter fun on Edge

VISITORS to Kinver Edge and rock houses can try their hands at some traditional Easter crafts. Youngsters will be able to paint an egg, make an Easter card or even create their own Easter garden. Sessions take place on April 14 between 10am and 12pm and 1pm and 3pm. It costs £3 per child.

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## I have Parkinson's – Tommy Mundon



Remaining hopeful – Tommy Mundon who has Parkinson's disease

BLACK Country comedian Tommy Mundon has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease – but is facing up to it with his usual sense of humour.

Tommy, whose 77th birthday was last week, has spoken about how he is coping with the progressive neurological illness to give hope to others. "I'm in the early stages and they've got good medication these days," said Tommy, who lives with his wife 59-year-old wife Val, in Alexandra Road, Halesowen.

"I've got patches that slowly release the medication to control the pain and I have physiotherapy at Corbett Hospital in Stourbridge.

"What I need to do now is to master the slight stammering

and stuttering I've got – but I've been doing some shows and have more planned this year.

"I used to write roughly what I was going to say in a performance.

"Now I'm getting it down in full for a set of about 20 minutes. I will still ad lib when I can."

### Optimistic

It was a fall 18 months ago, in which he hurt his shoulder, that led Tommy to find out he was suffering from Parkinson's.

He said: "During the course of treatment for the shoulder, my doctor told me he had a feeling I'd got Parkinson's coming on – and Val noticed that I sometimes stared into space.

"I went to see a consultant at Dudley Guest Hospital and

eventually got the diagnosis." Tommy, who has a daughter and two grandchildren, has just started performing after a gap of a few months, appearing at the Goodyear Pavilion in Wolverhampton last Friday to raise money for the Beacon Centre for the Blind.

He has several other bookings lined up and will be in a Black Country comedy tour of theatres, from October.

"I'm optimistic about the future and am getting there thanks to the medication and advice," he said.

Val, who will in September celebrate 40 years of marriage to Tommy, said: "The local Parkinson's nurses have been excellent.

"Tommy's attitude to it is great.

"A lot of people would throw in the towel – but he's quite determined."

## Timely reminder

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# BACK FROM HELL

## Quake rescue team tells of mission impossible

BLACK Country firefighters returning from earthquake-ravaged Japan have told of their heart-rending search for survivors amid some of the worst scenes imaginable.

Twelve West Midlands firefighters from the International Search and Rescue (ISAR) squad are just back from the disaster-hit northern region of the country, swamped by a 33ft-high tsunami which followed the quake.

They include Cradley Heath watch commander Rudy Parkes, of Stourbridge; watch commander Dean Yates of Halesowen fire station; station commander at Oldbury and Cradley Heath, Dean Harris, also from Stourbridge; and Dudley fire station watch commander Russ Gauden of Kinver.

They were part of a 59-strong

team from across the UK that also included two rescue dogs and four medical staff and spent three full days searching two towns in Northern Japan where tens of thousands were missing.

All 12 were involved in a similar mission when an earthquake hit Haiti just over a year ago, while four were involved in the rescue efforts in New Zealand and had arrived back home in the UK just days before having to fly out again.

### Snow

But it seems their rescue mission in the wrecked coastal cities of Ofunato and Kamaishi was among their toughest yet.

Russ Gauden, aged 39, said the scenes of devastation were "beyond comprehension".

He said in some areas they were climbing on 15ft high piles of debris that were covered in ice and snow.

"We saw a 50ft high ship in the middle of a residential area and fish the size of dustbin lids a mile from the coast," he added.

Veteran firefighter Rudy Parkes volunteered in the incident control room in the West Midlands fire service headquarters in Birmingham after the quake in New Zealand last month.

Then he received a call to head to Japan. He said the scene there was the worst he had seen in 23 years of International Search and Rescue.

Mr Parkes added: "It was a scene of utter devastation, the worst I've ever seen.

"In one case I was looking inside a house and thought something was wrong until I realised it was completely upside down.

"Two of our teams elsewhere had some success in finding one old lady between two mattresses alive and in another area they found one old lady and her 16-year-old grandson."

Father-of-two Dean Yates, 41, of Ironbridge, admitted there was "a great deal of sadness" that no survivors had been found during their deployment.



Ben Wagstaffe, front, and Matthew Hawkins with the signed photograph of actor Dan Aykroyd

## Aykroyd's star turn

YOUNGSTERS at a Dudley school were amazed when a Hollywood film star got in touch to compliment them on their latest drama production.

Dormston School pupils recently performed The Blues Brothers, complete with their very own constructed police car, which staff said was a huge success.

They contacted Dan Aykroyd, star of the original film from 1980, via a weekly radio show he presents on a Blues Brothers website to tell him about their production.

### Thrilled

To their surprise Mr Aykroyd, who also starred in Ghostbusters and appeared in My Girl and Pearl Harbor, replied by way of a signed photograph.

In a message to pupils he wrote: "To Dormston School, Mill Bank! Rock Da Blues for Me!"

School PA Karen Otton said the children were absolutely thrilled and couldn't believe Mr Aykroyd had taken the trouble to write to them.

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## Anger at one-way scheme

A SCHEME to block a rat-run by turning two Dudley streets into a cul-de-sac and make another one-way has been backed by councillors – sparking fury among residents in nearby roads.

Dudley Council plans to close Blackacre Road between Shedden Street and Dando Road and make Paradise one-way towards Douglas Road.

It also plans to turn Shedden Street into a cul-de-sac. The aim is to cut the amount of traffic using Blackacre Road. Residents living in nearby Rollason Road say the plan will just shift the problem to their streets.

## Jobs to be created at new training hub

A £250,000 training centre will open in Tipton, creating 14 new jobs.

The Railway Street site, in Great Bridge, will be run by Dudley Training Ltd., a private company which is owned by Dudley College.

It will deliver courses in gas engineering as well as electrical and construction trade skills.

The centre, once complete, will be called The Energy Training Hub.

It is envisaged that seven full-time posts and seven part-time roles

would be created at the new teaching hub, which will also cover environmental technologies, such as solar engineering.

Bob Chapman, director of learning at the college, said: "The investment in the centre would be almost £250,000 including all the kit but not including the staff."

### Courses

"It's going to be called The Energy Training Hub when it's finished. It will create 14 jobs which is good news."

Courses at the centre

will tie in with the college's new accolade as part of the National Academy for Environmental Technologies, Mr Chapman added.

"The exciting thing is the new environmental technologies we will be able to teach about – solar panels, heat pumps and all renewable energy technologies," he said.

"This is really good news for the West Midlands."

The training centre will give the site a new lease of life, Mr Chapman said.

The site is currently made up of empty industrial units.

## Support grows to honour 'forgotten' rugby legend



Cliff Watson in 1970

A CAMPAIGN to honour a Dudley rugby legend in his home town has gathered more than 300 supporters.

Cliff Watson, aged 80, who played for rugby league side St Helens, captained Great Britain and moved to Australia.

He was voted one of his club's top 17 players in its 120-year history, but fans say he has been "forgotten" in Dudley and should be honoured in a similar way to footballer Duncan Edwards. But Dudley Council has refused to make a decision yet, saying it will consider any suggestions.

The campaign has been launched by Deb Brownlee, chairman of the group raising cash for the regeneration of St John's Church, Kates Hill, where Mr Watson married in 1960.

Mr Watson, who now lives near Sydney, visited the church last month. Now Mrs

Brownlee is calling for him to "get the recognition he deserves". She feels there should be a plaque or display in Dudley Museum & Art Gallery – or even a statue similar to that of Manchester United and England football legend Duncan Edwards right in the town centre.

She said: "Cliff has achieved so much that people aren't even aware of."

### Youngest

Mr Watson grew up in a terraced house in Fisher Street, Dudley, after the family's house in London was bombed in the Second World War.

He became the youngest ever player at Dudley Kingswinford rugby union team at the age of 15, before moving to St Helens two years later, where he was a prop forward and was made captain. In 1970, his side won the Championship Trophy.

# Tory candidates quit in 'golly folly' photos row



Bill Etheridge and wife Star with the offending doll

A SEDGLEY couple due to stand as Tory candidates in a Dudley Council election have resigned from the party in a row over photographs of them posing with a golly doll.

Bill Etheridge, aged 41, and wife Star had been suspended from the Conservative party after a complaint about the photographs they posted on Facebook of them purposely holding up the doll.

But the couple, who were making a stand over political correctness, have now resigned. Mr Etheridge said he had decided to join UKIP instead.

The "golly folly" row blew up after Mr Etheridge, chairman of the Claverley branch of the Conservative Association, and his wife questioned what was wrong with the wild-haired black toys on their Facebook site.

### Ammunition

The leader and deputy leader of Dudley Council, Councillors Anne Millward and Les Jones, last week warned them their stance against "political correctness" could give people ammunition against the party ahead of the elections. On Friday the Etheridges were told in a letter from the party's head office voluntary section disciplinary committee that they were being suspended for 30 days.

The emailed letter said their actions might "bring the party into disrepute". The couple, of Tipton Road, who are members of the Black Country Campaign Against Political Correctness, have now resigned from the party.

Mr Etheridge said he was mystified why there was a "big deal" over the golly doll. "When we were growing up it was just a toy and it didn't even look like a person," said Mr Etheridge, who had been selected to stand as Dudley Council candidate for Brockmoor and Pensnett in the next elections in May.

"We can't understand why they are now a 'no-go' area. The term 'political correctness' gone mad is well used – but this is a total golly folly."

Mrs Etheridge, 39, who was due to stand as Conservative candidate for Coseley East, said: "I can't see how we can bring anyone into disrepute with a little rag doll."

The couple had removed the Facebook "golly" photos before Christmas but posted them back on their 'wall' after resigning

## Mad O'Rourke's pub bites back



Owners Sue and Pete Towler inside the Mad O'Rourke's Pie Factory

A POPULAR Black Country pub has reopened after it was bought back from administrators by its former owner.

The Mad O'Rourke's Pie Factory in Tipton has undergone a £30,000 revamp. Pete Towler bought the property back from administrators PKF earlier this month under the name of P&S Pies Ltd, with his wife Sue as director. All 15 jobs have been secured.

"I am very pleased," said 51-year-old Mr Towler, from Tettenhall, Wolverhampton. "The past few months have been pretty stressful. We're hoping now to be able to get things back to the way they were."

The pub, in Hurst Lane, had been closed for three weeks before re-opening last week.

## Meeting soon on schools U-turn

DISCUSSIONS over the Government's decision to scrap millions of pounds worth of school rebuilding projects in Sandwell are set to take place next month.

The borough had nine schemes worth £138 million cut. Sandwell and five other authorities launched legal action after Labour's Building Schools for the Future programme was axed last July.

The Sandwell cutbacks sparked an outcry from parents, pupils and school staff.

Last month the authority was successful in a High Court challenge and Education Secretary Michael Gove was urged to think again.

### Visit

Now, council officers are compiling a case to present to the Government on what action should be taken in Sandwell with a meeting expected to be held with officials next month.

However, Sandwell's deputy leader and cabinet member for strategic resources, Councillor Steve Eling, said the authority is still calling for a personal visit from Mr Gove to meet schools affected by the cuts. Councillor Eling said: "We are supposed to be having discussions in early April."

Schools losing out included Bristnall Hall, Heathfields, Perryfields, Wood Green, Stuart Bathurst and Manor and Menzies. Special schools and pupil referral units also lost projects.

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## Checks waiver pledge

THE red tape surrounding business health and safety inspections will be cut as part of a bid to ease the pressure on businesses, a Black Country MP has been told.

Business minister Mark Prisk told Stourbridge MP Margot James the Government plans to adjust regulations so that inspections are more proportionate to risk than they have been.

Miss James raised the issue following a meeting of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, where bosses and MPs met at West Bromwich Albion's grounds to discuss health and safety regulations.

## Healthy success

A COLLEGE in the Black Country has been recognised for encouraging staff and students to adopt healthy lifestyles.

Halesowen College has secured Healthy Further Education College recognition after providing healthy options in the canteen and free exercise and gym sessions.

The success will be included in a list of recognised healthy colleges. Jane O'Sullivan, curriculum team manager for foundation, travel and hospitality, said she was "really pleased".

## Patrols to increase

POLICE in a Sandwell neighbourhood are battling anti-social behaviour by stepping up patrols and conducting spot checks on licensed premises.

The Black Heath neighbourhood team said they are receiving reports of booze-fueled anti-social behaviour. They are carrying out high-visibility patrols.

## Arts Centre gets crafty

A CRAFT market, jewellery stalls and Easter gifts are among the highlights of an event in Dudley this month.

Netherton Arts Centre, in Northfield Road, holds the Easter market on Sunday (March 27) from 11am.

## Watch group

A NEIGHBOURHOOD watch meeting is due to be held at the Salvation Army base in Meredith Street, Cradley Heath, today (Thursday) at 10am.



Computer generated impressions of how Dudley Market could look if Dudley Council's plans for a £6 million revamp of the historic site go ahead



# Boulevard will be in market's £6m new look



The market in 1899



Can you remember? A thriving Dudley Market in 1984

THIS is how Dudley's historic market place could look like following a £6 million revamp.

Under the plans, the tiled roof would be replaced with vintage-style canopies and a "market boulevard" would be created with trees and a walkway.

The statue of legendary Dudley-born footballer Duncan Edwards would be moved to the other end of the market.

The ageing toilet block would also be relocated to create an obstructed view of Dudley Castle.

The 19th century fountain would be refurbished and a new moat created around the bottom.

The number of permanent stalls would be reduced from 74 pitches but Dudley Council, which is behind the scheme, said temporary stalls could be added on busy days.

Cabinet member for regeneration

Councillor Les Jones said an application for cash from the European Regional Development Fund had passed the first stage.

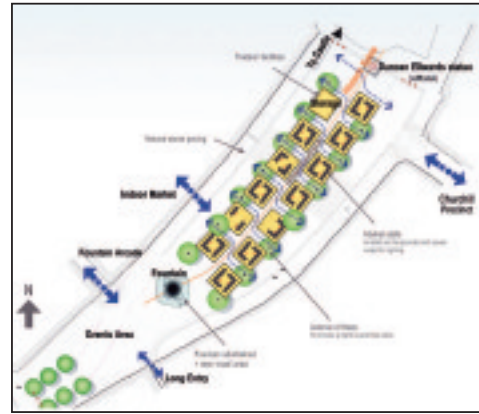
A decision on whether bosses will be given a £3 million grant towards the scheme will be announced later this year.

The rest of the money is coming from council capital receipts and once the funding is secured, work on the redevelopment could get under way by the middle of next year, with completion expected in summer 2013.

## Opportunities

Councillor Jones said: "Dudley's market place is the only one of its kind in the region to be located in the heart of a town's high street, so the makeover is the fundamental showpiece project to the wider regeneration of Dudley town centre."

"The project will make up the biggest revamp of the town in more than two decades and it will



One of the three plans that are part of the public consultation

breathe fresh life into the existing market place, to create a continual market boulevard."

Three designs for a new market, with different stall layouts, have been drawn up and people are now being asked for their views on the proposals.

Councillor Jones said the market project was pivotal to a wider redevelopment of the town centre, which would include a revamp of Castle Hill.

"We are very keen to hear what people think and there are certainly plenty of opportunities to take part in the consultation," he said.

"While we have presented three options, it may be that the final design could be different or could incorporate elements of each to

create a fourth option." But market trader, David Flavell, aged 50, who has a fruit and veg stall, said he feared the revamp would not be enough to lure shoppers back into the town.

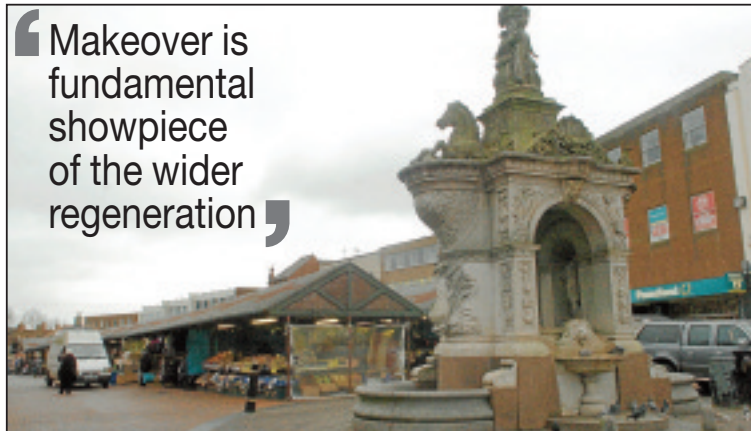
## Planting

"It is a lot of money to spend on just replacing the stalls and planting some trees. don't think it's going to make a difference and make people shop here again," he said.

The consultation runs until April 29. Information stands will be by the fountain from 10am to 3pm March 23 to 26, April 13 to 16 and on April 23.

The consultation form can also be filled in online at [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk)

Makeover is fundamental showpiece of the wider regeneration



Under the proposals the 19th century fountain would be refurbished and a moat created around its base

## MP hits at move over top officer

A WEST Midlands Labour MP has condemned the "grotesque paradox" of Government plans to raise the pension age of police – as scores of senior officers like Sandwell's Steve Dugmore are being forced to retire early to cut costs.

Worley MP John Spellar said it was "economics of the madhouse". Chief Supt Dugmore, head of Sandwell Police, is being retired next month, aged only 48, in a cull of 300 senior officers by West Midlands Police Authority.

But the Government-commissioned Hutton Report called for the normal age at which most public sector staff can start drawing their pension to be increased to be the same as the state pension age.

Mr Spellar told the Commons it was a "grotesque paradox".

He said West Midlands Police were acting under a Home Office dictate because of a rule that allowed them to "sack people" after 30 years' service. Mr Spellar said: "Is that not absolutely absurd?"

Mr Spellar said afterwards: "You have got the Hutton Report saying that police in uniform have to serve longer – and you have the Home Office forcing West Midlands Police to sack people early and paying them their pensions."

## Plea on sex pest

A MAN exposed himself on the side of the road near Hagley.

It happened on the A456 Hagley Road, opposite the Badgers Set public house.

The driver of a white transit-style van had pulled onto the grass verge of the Hagley-bound carriageway and was standing against the van when he exposed himself to a passing woman jogger.

It happened on March 7 around 10.30am.

The man is described as white, in his 30s, about 5ft 10 ins tall, clean shaven with collar length hair and was wearing workman's clothing.

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## Pet reunion proves bunny coincidence



Jodie Jones, of Wombourne, with her rabbit Tuloola and her brother Cameron

A RUNAWAY rabbit has been reunited with its owners after going missing for three days.

Tuloola, a Netherland dwarf rabbit, escaped from Beverley Jones's garden in St Bride's Close, Wombourne, on March 4.

The mother-of-four put an advert in the Express & Star appealing for information but three days later, the four-month-old bunny turned up in the garden of a woman living in the village, who then happened to go into the nearby Beddow Fishing Tackle shop where Miss Jones's 16-year-old son Cameron was on work experience.

### Gobsmacked

Miss Jones, aged 50, said today: "I couldn't believe it when it turned out to be Tuloola. I was gobsmacked."

The woman who found Tuloola lived in Brunel Court, which means the rabbit must have travelled almost a mile from its home.

Miss Jones bought Tuloola and sister Flopsy as Christmas presents for her 10-year-old daughter Jodie. "We are all so pleased to have her back," she said.

## 200 police jobs left vacant in staff freeze

THE full extent of cuts being made by Midland police forces has become clearer as it emerged at least 200 posts had been left vacant for nearly a year.

West Midlands and West Mercia forces said positions were unfilled as they battled to make a combined £160 million in savings.

In the West Midlands, 89 jobs that were vacant on or before April 1 last year have still not been filled. They include 23 cleaners, two emergency call operators, an intelligence officer and a marketing manager.

In West Mercia, 111 posts were vacant at the time the figures under the Freedom of Information Act. They included six response officer posts with a combined salary of £179,580 which have not been filled since April last year.

### Streamlining

Four surveillance officer posts and a coroner's officer post also remain vacant.

The total salaries of that force's vacant posts came to £2,504,795.

Staffordshire Police, which is trying to save £39m by 2015, said it could not provide figures as the

shake-up of the force has not been finalised.

Carl Bird, from West Midlands Police, which is trying to save £125m, said: "The force currently has a freeze on recruitment and due to restructuring and the streamlining of tasks, many of these posts will have functions that are now carried out by other posts."

West Mercia Police needs to make £34m savings over five years.

The force said it wanted to "minimise the impact upon staff by maximising savings through natural staff turnover and other cost reductions".

## 'Be fair' plea over developers' cash

MORE than £400,000 is owed to Dudley Council by developers – and some residents are concerned that the cash is not being shared out fairly in their local community.

The cash is outstanding from contributions known as Section 106 payments, which firms are required to pay towards the local community when they are given planning permission.

But Dudley Council is still chasing £436,591 from 74 developments given the go-ahead last year. A total of £307,781 has been spent so

far, but it is feared some areas may be being overlooked.

Councillor Richard Body claims Cradley's rundown Homer Hill Park should have received a bigger contribution from a nearby housing development.

### Fighting

Homer Hill was given £71,000 from the scheme in Albrighton Road but Huntingtree Park in Halesowen got £69,000, even though it is further away.

Ward councillors claim Huntingtree Park has already had more than £250,000 invested in it and

have been fighting for the system of sharing out Section 106 cash to be changed.

Councillor Richard Body said: "It is not fair and we should have a greater say in where the money goes."

Councillor Malcolm Knowles, who represents the Wollaston and Stourbridge ward, said he is "never informed" about what money is available. Of the £307,781 that has been paid to the council between April and September last year, £232,646 went on open space, sport and recreation.

Of the rest, £43,872 went on road improvements.

# Paddles at the ready for dragon boat crews

AN annual dragon boat race which has raised £230,000 for good causes is returning to the Black Country on May 22, organisers have announced.

The Rotary Club of Wolverhampton will stage its 11th annual Dragon Boat Challenge at the Great Pool in Himley. Last year 18 teams, made up of businesses, schools and council staff from across the region, competed in the race raising more than £18,000 for charities from across the country.

Organisers are hoping for a similar turnout this year. They want to push the event's fundraising total to £250,000 since the inaugural race in 2000.

And they are urging teams to move quickly to secure a spot at the fundraiser after an earlier-than-expected rush for places.

Dragon boat race committee chairman Rod Jones said: "There are only 30 boats available and already over half of these are committed. We have never had this level of response before and we are hoping for a sell-out. We have struggled in previous years to attract participants but this year we have got more schools involved and we now only have about 10 places left."

Teams of 20 rowers, including four substitutes, will have to tackle a 200m course in a series of timed heats, with the four fastest teams then qualifying for a head-to-head final.

### Split

Crews are regularly made up of teams from local companies, building societies, police, councils, schools, sports clubs, charities and pubs as well as RAF Cosford. Last year's event even attracted a team from National Lottery organisers Camelot.

Crews are being asked to secure a minimum of £1,000 sponsorship for the event, which is then split between a charity nominated by the crew and the club's Rotary charitable trust.

The winner's trophy was last year taken by Jone's Ark, a team from Goodrich Aerospace in Wolverhampton. For an entry form log on to [www.rotarydragonboats.co.uk](http://www.rotarydragonboats.co.uk)

### Relief as tests show all-clear

THE mother, two brothers and sister of tragic Halesowen teenager Leon Mansell have been given the all-clear following heart and blood tests to see whether they suffer the heart condition which killed him.

His mother Jean, brothers Craig, aged 24, and Matthew, 17, and sister Kerrie, 19, have all been told they are fit and well. Mrs Mansell, 48, of Beecher Street, Colley Gate, said the news was a "great relief". However, Leon's father Bernard, 55, who lives in California, has undergone similar testing in the United States and has been referred to a cardiologist.

Leon, 14, died suddenly of a heart attack on January 5.

## Lifeline project for disabled faces axe

A VITAL project offering respite care for disabled youngsters in Sandwell is set to close after £200,000 of council funding was pulled.

The Sandcastle project fixes breaks and after-school clubs. Based in Laburnum Road, in Walsall, the club will close in April after losing the cash.

Lisa Smith, aged 44, of Dudhill Road, Rowley Regis, used the service with her son Luke, aged 13, who suffers from autism. She

was horrified to hear the scheme would be ending.

She said: "This service is a real lifeline for people with disabled children and there is nothing else like it in the area."

Councillor Bob Badham, Sandwell's cabinet member for children and families, said: "The foster care contract will end because it is not able to fully meet the identified required needs of a key group of children and young people."

## Mayors join tea dance for charity



Among the dancers are, from left, deputy Mayor of Dudley Councillor Michael Evans, Mayoress and Mayor of Walsall Yvonne and Gary Clarke, Consort Krysta McCadle and her husband, Chairman Robert McCadle, with, front, Mayoress and Mayor of Dudley Hilary Miller and Councillor Peter Miller

MAYORS from two Black Country towns were joined by fleet-footed residents at a recent tea dance to raise cash for charity.

The event at Kingswinford Community Centre was organised by Councillor Peter Miller, the Mayor of Dudley. About 30 residents showed off their dancing skills to steps including waltz and foxtrot.

All proceeds will go to the Mayor's chosen charities for 2010/11, the Thomas Pocklington Trust, Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge, Acorns Children's Hospice and the Alzheimer's Society.

In between dances during the two-hour

event, people could sit and have a chat over a cup of tea and a cake. Councillor Miller invited Councillor Gary Clarke, the Mayor of Walsall, and his wife Yvonne, along with the chairman of South Staffordshire Council Robert McCadle and wife Krysta.

### Worthy

Councillor Miller said: "It was an excellent day and everyone had a very good time."

"This is just one of a series of events we have to raise money for these very worthwhile charities." More than £100 is thought to have been raised through ticket prices.

## Bailiffs told to seize horses

BAILIFFS have been told to seize stray horses roaming in Sandwell as part of a crackdown.

Experts are being instructed to herd the animals together before taking them away to a secret location.

It follows an emergency meeting of council bosses last week who agreed owners must pay to have the strays returned or they will be sold off after two weeks.

It is estimated there are currently 60 horses untethered and wandering the streets of Tipton, with other horses also roaming

free in Dudley and Moxley. The tough tactics have been announced after several horses were spotted on Jubilee Park in Tipton and a child playing football narrowly avoided getting trampled underneath.

Enforcement notices, attached to stakes placed on public land, have gone unheeded.

Councillor Derek Rowley, who is cabinet member for safer neighbourhoods, said: "Bailiffs have been instructed to round up any horses found roaming the highways and open spaces."

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# Living hell claim over bail hostel

RESIDENTS who say their lives have been made "hell" since a bail hostel opened in their Tipton street four years ago have called for it to be closed down.

Families in Church Street have complained of brawls, noise and early morning police visits. One father, Habeeb Khan, said his children were getting into trouble at school because they could not sleep.

"We have seen fighting in the street, we have had people knocking on doors asking for money," said Mr Khan, aged 32. "This is making our lives hell. Noise, singing, house parties. Teachers are complaining my children are going into school tired."

Fellow resident Roger Dudley, 67, who has lived in the road since 1981, said: "We have had a number of prob-

lems. It's not fair that we should be burdened with this."

Taxi driver and father-of-four Gullfaraz Ilahi, 40, said: "There are always people making noise outside. We want it shut."

## Supervised

The property is managed by Stonham on behalf of the Government.

Officially known as a BASS, a Bail Accommodation and Support Service, it caters for people who would normally be living in the community on bail but do not have somewhere suitable to live.

Ministry of Justice spokesman James Rea said: "Offenders are supervised by specially trained staff who work with the police in order to protect the public."

# Snapper to stars putting home roots in focus with exhibition



Brian Griffin - Paris exhibition about his Black Country roots

A WORLD-famous photographer's exhibition about his Black Country roots, which made its debut in Paris, is now to be shown in the region.

"The Black Country", by Brian Griffin, who grew up among the factories of Lye, near Stourbridge, will run at the New Art Gallery, Walsall, from April 8 to June 19.

It will be the first UK showing of the collection of images, originally displayed at the Collège des Bernardins in Paris in November, which include the Earl of Dudley, Black Country food, speedway racing, the local pub, the family cat and his early years as a choirboy.

Mr Griffin, now based in London, will lead a tour of the exhibition on June 4. Family photographs and his written accounts of childhood accompany the shots.

"Growing up in the Black Country was the best thing that ever happened to me," said Mr Griffin, aged 62, who was born in Birmingham but spent his

childhood in Stocking Street, Lye. He is now renowned for his portraits of musicians, actors, political figures and the business community.

But it is his early years that have inspired his latest collection.

"Factories were everywhere, even surrounding my school," he said.

"If I opened my bedroom net curtains, sometimes the night sky would be glowing red from the furnaces of Round Oak Steelworks in Brierley Hill.

## Influenced

"Beyond the steelworks was Dudley Castle, the former home of the Earls of Dudley. Mum and dad used to say that everything was the Earl of Dudley's."

The photographs in his exhibition focus on factory workers but also depict the Black Country as seen through a child's eyes. Alongside his exhibition, works will be displayed that have influenced Mr Griffin, including pieces by Jacob Epstein.

# Tougher action sought on calls

MORE than 1,000 reports of anti-social behaviour, nuisance neighbours and disputes at council homes in Dudley borough were made during a nine-month period, new figures reveal.

Residents are concerned that the issue is not being tackled by Dudley Council - especially in recurring problem areas.

In total there were 1,080 incidents reported to the authority between April and December last year.

## Flats

The council says it acts as a "mediator" for these incidents and takes action when necessary. It claims surveys show three-quarters of people who complain to the council are happy with the response they get.

But residents on Dudley's Russells Hall Estate say tougher measures are needed.

They say nuisance centred around some of the 12 blocks of flats in Osprey Drive is "ruining" the neighbourhood.

Resident Doreen Law, 45, said: "We've called the council a few times and nothing much has been done."

Councillor David Simms, cabinet member for housing, said: "Our response will always be reasonable and proportionate to the individual circumstances of each issue."

# Revised college proposal

MULTI-million pound plans for Dudley Council's new sixth form and higher education centre will be lodged with the council next month.

Principal Lowell Williams said architects were putting finishing touches to revised proposals for the complex on the site of the former Girls' High School. Plans are expected to go before the council's planning committee by June.

The proposals had to be changed after Kudos House, a 19th century doctor's surgery earmarked for demolition, was granted Grade II Listed status by English Heritage.

# Fears on local radio service

THE output of local radio stations such as BBC WM could be replaced with that of Radio 5 Live, it has been claimed.

The idea, that would affect all programmes except breakfast and drive time, is thought to be among the BBC's cost-cutting measures to help it save £400 million following the freeze of the TV licence fee last year.

The BBC has denied any decisions have been made.

Trade union leaders have warned more than 700 jobs could go across the country if the cuts are brought in.

## Quality

National Union of Journalists general secretary Jeremy Dear said: "Local radio plays a crucial role in keeping local communities informed. These proposals would rip the heart out of local programming and effectively sound the death knell for local radio."

The BBC has around 40 local radio stations with a combined average weekly audience of 7.4 million listeners.

Last year bosses called for regional stations to improve the "quality and originality" of their output.

BBC WM covers the Black Country and Birmingham.

It was launched in 1970 and is known for its popular presenters such as the breakfast show's Phil Upton and drive time's Paul Franks. A BBC spokesman said: "No decisions have been made so it would be wrong to speculate."

# Pop into a shop plan as public loos axed

TOILETS in shops and other buildings in the Dudley borough could be opened up for use by the public under plans which are being considered by council chiefs. The authority aims to save £150,000 by closing public toilets in some of the smaller shopping centres but today said "alternative toilet provision" was being investigated.

That could include securing permission for shoppers to be allowed to nip in to use the conveniences in supermarkets or council buildings such as libraries. Cabinet member Councillor Angus Adams said: "As part of the budget proposals, we are currently reviewing public toilets in a number of our town centres."

"As part of the review we will be looking at alternative toilet provision for members of the public. We are looking at supermarkets and also council buildings such as libraries. We will talk to supermarkets to see if they are amenable. I think it is the way forward."

## Vandalism

FISHING is being banned at a park in Halesowen amid claims that wildlife is being harmed by dumped rubbish and equipment.

A community group claims two ducks have died at The Leasowes in recent months after getting caught up in fishing wire.

They claim that some of the vegetation is being ruined as well and needs time to recover without being trampled on. But anglers who use the site are

furious and say that the majority of them act responsibly.

The Friends of Leasowes say they hope fishing can be re-introduced at some time in the future. A timescale for the ban has not been set.

Marianne Diller, Friends chairman, said: "The regular park users and wardens are constantly picking up discarded lines, hooks, cans and general litter, all of which are potentially harmful to wildlife."

Talks are ongoing about which public toilets could shut under the plans.

Figures released last month show that more than a third of public toilets have been closed in the Dudley borough over the last decade.

Eight out of the 23 public conveniences provided 10 years ago have now been shut. Vandalism at some of the sites was blamed for the closures.

# Knock, knock, knockout cash



Domino team captain Barry Lea from Wordsley with fundraising co-ordinator Karen Phillips from the Dudley Group of Hospitals charity

MEMBERS of a domino team based in Dudley have raised more than £200 in memory of one of their players who died last year.

The Kingswinford British Legion domino team, which plays in the Stourbridge and District League on Tuesday nights, organised a domino knockout competition in memory of Audrey Lea from Wordsley who died in January last year at the age of 67.

Mrs Lea, together with her husband Barry who is still in the club, were licensees of several pubs including the Garibaldi in Stourbridge and the Bird in Hand and the Vine, both in Wordsley.

The team raised £210 at the competition and donated the money to the Lung Function Unit at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital as Mrs Lea had suffered severe lung problems.

Members handed over the cash to the hospital at a special presentation at the Legion club in Kingswinford.

Member Angela Davies said they now hope it will become an annual event and have organised the Audrey Lea Five - A-Side charity knockout for December 29.

She added: "We are very pleased with how it all went."

# Fundraiser goods are relaced

GENEROUS residents have offered to help a group of elderly people who were targeted by thieves.

A stereo system and vacuum cleaner were taken from Darby End Senior Citizens Club. Former police officer Ken Gilbert, of

Rowley Regis, has offered to donate a TV, stereo and video recorder for sale to help boost funds.

Other anonymous donors have also got in touch with club secretary Keith Pritchard to offer their help. The items stolen from the

club in Worcester Road, Netherton, had been donated for a nearly new sale to generate spin ding money for a holiday to Weston-Super-Mare.

The donated replacement items will not be kept at the club in case the thieves return.

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# Shops' damages claim is rejected

## Drop-kickers drop in



Ray Field, right, head of the English Wado Federation, puts Lcpl Daniel Blackhall, Pte Shayne Leach, Lcpl Lewis Pritchard, Lcpl Robert Upton and, front, Pte Shelley Darroch through their paces

AROUND 40 martial arts fans from across the UK drop-kicked into Dudley for a fundraising seminar and tutorials in kung fu, self-defence and weapons.

The event was organised by members of the Dudley branch of the English Wado Federation, which teaches the wado karate discipline.

It was held at the Dudley TA Centre in Vicar Street to bring in cash for the ward at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital which cares for military person-

nel. Tutors came from as far as Plymouth and Essex.

Organiser Roy Perry said money raised was still being counted. "It went very well," said Mr Perry, aged 50, from Sedgley.

"We had martial arts instructors demonstrating various different disciplines, including one who was showing how to work with nunchucks.

"We even had some soldiers from the TA centre come along to pick up some new skills which was great."

TRADERS hit by road-works in a Black Country high street are furious after their claims for thousands of pounds in compensation were rejected.

Some businesses in Sedgley saw profits dip by up to 30 per cent during the works and wanted a payout from National Grid.

But firms have been told they will not get any money back as the losses suffered were not a big enough proportion of annual turnover. The six-week long gas main replacement scheme last summer caused long traffic jams and led to people avoiding the high street.

Daniel Price, owner of the BD Price Bike Shop in High Holborn, asked for £1,400. Three other traders in the Concord Centre looked for similar amounts, while the Co-operative submitted a claim for £5,000. All were refused.

Mr Price said National Grid explained that, as the losses were not five per cent of the traders' annual turnover, the claim had been rejected. He said: "This was really an impossible situation for us from the start."

"Five per cent of annual turnover is a large amount - they never told us about this in the first place."

National Grid spokeswoman Michelle Smedley, said the work had been "a short-term inconvenience for a long-term benefit" and the work had been essential.

## Paper recycling plan

A GLASS recycling site in Tipton could soon recycle paper too.

Viridor Waste Management Ltd, which owns the depot in Tipton Road, wants to open a new building there for cardboard recycling. Sandwell Council will decide in May.

## Hot food van must leave pub

A HOT FOOD van based at a Stourbridge pub will have to move after councillors refused to grant it planning permission.

Julie Hale had applied to stay on the site of the Cross Inn, Glasshouse Hill.

But the chairman of Dudley Council's planning committee said the van "stands out like a sore thumb".

Councillors were told Mrs Hale had closed the business since submitting the application.

Planning officer Daniel Owen said checks would be made to make sure the van was removed.

Last February Mrs Hale was granted permission to stay on the site for 12 months.

Committee chairman Tim Wright said: "We gave it 12 months. It does stand out like a sore thumb."

"It is a shame when a business closes; I wouldn't be surprised if we see this van elsewhere in Stourbridge soon."

## Centre site prepared

THE first visible sign of development on the site of a proposed new health centre in Great Bridge is now in place.

Fences have been put up around the former car park in Great Bridge ahead of Sandwell Primary Care Trust's expected planning application next month.

The authority wants to build a £5million health centre including two GP surgeries. The authority hopes work will begin by summer of next year.

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## Grunt and grapple at centre

A NIGHT of wrestling will be held at a Black Country leisure centre on Saturday (March 26). Stars of the Alternative Wrestling World company will make their debut at Haden Hill Leisure Centre in Cradley Heath.

The venue has seen its fair share of action over the years, including visits by UK wrestling stars Big Daddy and The British Bulldog - Davey Boy Smith.

And on Saturday the current AWW British Tag

Team Champions - Carnatio - will defend their titles against the number one contenders.

Also scheduled to appear are top UK wrestlers MK Mikinan, "Tomcat" Kevin O'Neil, Dan Ryder, "Assassin" Dave Williams and the current AWW British Champion - Maddog Maxx.

Tickets for the night are available from the Barrs Road leisure centre priced at £7 in advance or £8 on the door. The event will get under way at 6pm.

# College campus work nearing completion



Project manager Gordon McCartin and site manager Paul Davis are pictured onsite at the developing Brierley Hill campus of Stourbridge College

## Walks to visit beauty spots

A FESTIVAL of walks through a range of beauty spots in Dudley borough will get under way next month.

The Dudley Walking Festival will feature more than 20 walks at nature reserves, parks and canal towpaths across the borough.

It will run from April 23 and finish on May 1.

Venues for the walks include Himley Park, Wrens Nest National Nature

Reserve, Dudley; The Leasowes, Halesowen; Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge; Netherton Park; Wordsley; Priory Park, Dudley; Saltwells, Netherton; Baggeridge, Sedgley; Huntingtree, Halesowen; Silver Jubilee Park, Coseley and Cotwall End, Sedgley.

Most of the walks are free and people can view the brochure online at [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk), pick up a copy from local libraries or leisure centres or call 0300 555 2345.

THIS new picture shows how work on a new college campus in Brierley Hill is moving closer to completion.

Contractors expect to finish the external construction work on the Stourbridge College development in time for a topping-out ceremony tomorrow (March 25).

It will mark the installation of the last tile on the roof. Workers will then move on to fitting the windows before starting work on the interior. The building is already dominating the skyline at the old Brier School site off Venture Way.

Work began in September last year on the new creative industries campus, which will offer arts and digital-based courses.

College spokeswoman Mags Winthrop said: "It is very exciting. Everyone is looking forward to it opening in September." The college will house up to 1,000 students and replace the Longlands campus in Stourbridge.

An original £31million scheme, on the old Brier School site, was scaled back after the Learning and Skills Council withdrew £15m of pledged funding.

## Trappings of mayor's office go on display in library

ROBES, medals and the mayoral mace were due to be on display at a talk in Tipton today (March 24).

John May, from the mayor's office at Sandwell Council, was speaking at the event in Tipton Library, in Unity Walk, at 10.30am. He was discussing what holding the ceremonial position entails.

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# Full steam ahead as rail work nears end

## Cash boost for mental health

A BLACK Country branch of a mental health charity has set up self-help groups using a £1,000 grant.

The Stourbridge-based area headquarters for the charity Dudley Mind has been handed the cash by Dudley Primary Care Trust.

An initial £1,000 grant has been awarded so the groups can get under way in the Stourbridge, Dudley and Halesowen areas.

The charity is running groups to help people with mental health conditions, such as depression, anxiety and post-natal depression.

Dates and times have not yet been arranged but sessions will be at the charity's base at the Mary Stevens Centre in Hagley Road, Stourbridge.

Chief executive Martin Mueller said: "Past experience shows how helpful these groups can be."



Day services head Nagheena Qamar with Caroline Roe and Martin Mueller

A £500,000 improvement scheme on the Severn Valley Railway is nearing completion after new platforms were built and tracks relaid.

Work has been taking place at Arley and Bewdley stations since January, forcing the partial closure of the historic railway which receives thousands of visitors every year.

Railway chiefs said the project was due to be finished on time and the line is scheduled to reopen fully on Saturday (March 26) as planned.

Work to improve drainage at Arley station has been finished and decaying platforms replaced. Three test walls were built before the new platforms were constructed to ensure that they would fit in with the character of the station.

## Brickwork

Tracks have been relaid and the signal boxes are now being reconnected - the last phase of the scheme.

In Bewdley, signalling equipment and tracks were removed from the top of the 10-arch viaduct in Station Road.

Workers then dug into the top of the structure to the arches' brickwork and laid new waterproof material to strengthen the viaduct. A new layer of concrete was put down and timber sleepers, dating back to 1948 when the Great Western Railway laid the track, have also been replaced.

Tracks have now been relaid to reconnect the station to the nearby Kidderminster branch line.

Railway visitor services manager David Mee said good weather had been a help in getting the project completed on time.

## Walkers to stroll into spring at the local nature reserve

A SPRING WALK at a Dudley nature reserve on Saturday (March 26) will look for the first signs of the new season.

It has been organised by the Friends of Cotwall End Valley and walkers should meet at Brockwood Animal Sanctuary car park, on the corner on Cotwall End Road and Catholic Lane, Sedgley. Call 07849 804242 for more details.

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## 'Jentle Jazz' kicking off at footy ground



Jazz musician Bobby Johnson who is playing at Stourbridge Football Club

MUSICIAN Bobby Johnson has kicked off a new series of jazz concerts at a football club in the Black Country.

The next performance by Bobby Johnson's Jentle Jazz band will be at Stourbridge FC's War Memorial ground in

High Street, Amblecote on Sunday, April 17.

Mr Johnson, aged 80, has previously held jazz sessions at the Broadway Inn in Norton but was forced to find another venue when the pub shut last month.

The first concert at the new venue was last Sunday.

Saxophone and trombone player Mr Johnson, from Richmond Grove, hopes the sessions will now become a monthly event.

## Two parking tickets a day at the hospital

MORE THAN 130 parking tickets were handed out to staff, visitors and patients at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital in two months, new figures reveal.

Motorists caught flouting the rules by parking inappropriately or on red lines are fined £15.

In January hospital bosses painted further red lines around the staff car parks to show workers where they can and

cannot leave their cars as part of controversial new parking arrangements. It followed the introduction of red lines elsewhere, including by the A&E department. Hospital figures show that between January 1 and February 28, 131 fines were handed out. If not paid within 14 days, the fee is increased to £30.

Chief executive Paula Clark said: "Car parking facilities at Russells Hall Hospital are provided by Summit Healthcare (Dudley) Ltd and managed by Interserve.

"There is a fixed penalty notice system in place for patients, visitors and staff who park their vehicles inappropriately.

"Notices warning people are clearly displayed." In January, plans to introduce a staff parking permit scheme were thrown into chaos because of a dispute over who was allowed a space. Everyone has now been granted temporary access to staff car parks on a first-come, first-served basis. Bosses are monitoring traffic flow and assessing permit applications.

## Tractors will line streets

CLASSIC and vintage tractors will line the streets of Bridgnorth as part of an annual extravaganza next month.

Visitors can glimpse the classic machines as part of the 13th annual Shropshire Tractor Run on April 10.

The event is being organised by the Bridgnorth Vintage Machinery Club, which has been based in and around the town since 1986.

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Barnado's manager Ian Hinksman, left, who says the project gives youngsters the opportunity to learn new skills, and, right, Liam Evitts at work on one of the cars



Liam Evitts works on a bike under the eye of mechanic project worker Brian Andrews

# How tinkering with cars put troubled Liam on right road

LIFE as a student is not always easy, especially if you are seen as a trouble maker or the class clown. Liam Evitts, a 15-year-old from Netherton, knows how this feels. Although he was a bright student, he got bored easily and was often in trouble.

He was also regularly in trouble out of school with the police for minor offences. But Liam has now turned his life around with the help of a mechanics project in Stourbridge where he has learnt new skills and values that have given him a fresh outlook on life.

At the age of 10 Liam was diagnosed with ADHD, a chemical imbalance in the brain which affects attention, concentration and impulsivity, and was put on medication to treat the condition.

At school he was disruptive and excluded several times. He was kept back a year and his behaviour got worse, and after striking a teacher, he was permanently excluded.

Liam says: "I don't know why I did it. I just liked the attention in class I suppose."

Eventually he was offered a place at the Barnado's Wheels project, on Rufford Road, Stourbridge.

Wheels aims to turn the lives of youngsters around who struggle with mainstream educa-

A project in the Black Country helps youngsters who struggle to cope with mainstream education. **ALEX WAINWRIGHT** talks to one of its successes

tion. It provides them with motor mechanics training while keeping up with core skills like numeracy and literacy. Most youngsters attend the project a few days a week, but Liam spends five days a week there.

"I didn't really want to come to Barnado's, but when I got here it was all right," he says. "I already knew some people and now I really enjoy it."

There are around 90 youngsters aged 14 to 16 who attend the project, and although it is mainly boys, there are three girls enrolled.

They are all from the Dudley borough and surrounding areas, like Kidderminster and Sandwell.

The purpose of the project is to re-engage youngsters and give them the skills to go on to further education or employment.

The staff also work in partnership with the schools the youngsters attend to try to improve their situations.

The youngsters get hands on experience with cars to learn mechanics, and are also taught the theory side so they can get a motor mechanics qualification. Project manager Ian

Hinksman thinks it is important to give youngsters the opportunity to learn new skills. "Learning a trade is crucial, and doing this teaches them about working life," he says. "Even though they might not go on to be mechanics, they still learn so many transferable skills."

In the workshop there are around 12 to 15 youngsters at a time, and they get to put forward their own ideas on what to do with the cars and bikes.

## Interesting

They are currently working on a project to build a working banger car which if they get to work they will be able to drive off road on some nearby farm land which they have permission to use.

To be able to do these projects, Wheels is always looking for donations of vehicles and mechanics tools and are currently appealing for donations.

Liam likes these projects, which he finds interesting and which give him more variety. He says: "I enjoy projects where I can do my

own thing. Like building the banger car, it's good fun. I like working on bikes the most."

"I do sometimes get bored because I know what I'm doing now, so I don't really enjoy changing things like brakes all the time."

"But because I know what I'm doing I help people out now. Being in the workshop makes you know what work is. You know what to expect."

Liam has passed his Institute of Motor Industry Level 1 examinations and is now looking to do the same with his numeracy and literacy exams in May.

The numeracy and literacy classes are small and youngsters learn the subjects in a way that engages them. A numeracy class might involve maths problems about car engines, or how to book the cheapest holiday.

Mr Hinksman says: "We're really flexible and keep them engaged, everything is very hands on. Instead of them being one person in a class of 30, they're one in a class of six."

The project also makes sure good relationships are kept between the staff and youngsters. Mr Hinksman says: "We call them by

their first names and they call us by our first names."

Liam agrees. "You get treated like an adult here. If you give respect, you get it back," he says.

Mr Hinksman admits the behaviour of youngsters does not automatically change when they come to the project. He says: "It doesn't just stop straight away, it happens gradually. But we do see so many positive results."

Since being at Wheels, Liam kept himself out of trouble. Instead of being out on the streets he now spends time at his time at friend's houses. He now wants to go on to further education at college.

"I'm not sure what I want to do," he says. "I think I want to work with kids. Maybe helping disabled kids or help kids who are struggling to turn their lives around."

Although Liam might not want to do mechanics in the future, he has no doubts about how much the project has helped him.

Liam said his future would have been him on the dole living with his mum, or maybe worse.

He says: "If I hadn't come here I'd have a criminal record and definitely be in a youth offending institute by now."

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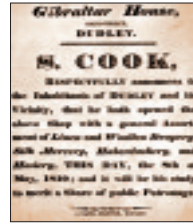
Samuel Cook – popular reformer



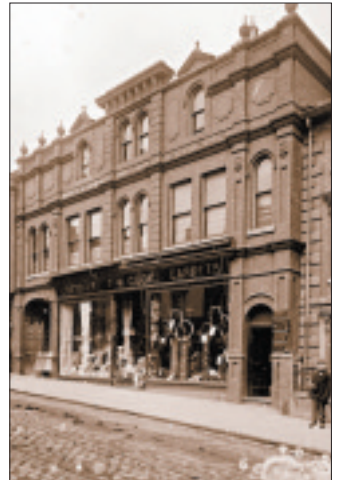
The interior of FW Cook's drapery department, pictured around 1910



FW Cook when he was Mayor, 1906



Notice of the store opening



Cook's department store which used to be in Dudley High Street, pictured here in 1900

# The rebel with a clause

## Dudley reformer who sold cloth, gave away hope to thousands and challenged rules of royal succession

PEOPLE still remember FW Cook in Dudley – one of the Black Country's first department stores.

However, the man behind the shop was a rebel who challenged the government and church, and became popular with miners and nailers in Dudley.

It was in the late 1820s when Samuel Cook became a Chartist and started fighting for equality among men and women – including calling for a change to the rules of succession. MPs recently called for a change to the principle of primogeniture, as spelled out by the 1701 Act of Settlement, so that male children male children would no longer have preference over their older sisters when it came to inheriting the throne. Under present rules, any son born to William and Kate would take to the throne, even if the couple had a daughter first.

Andy Bytheway, curator at Dudley

archive service, says the history of Cook's began in 1819 when Samuel opened Gibraltar House in High Street, Dudley.

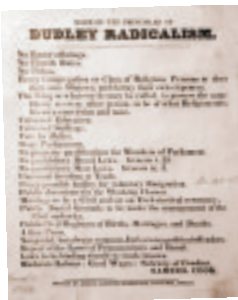
"Samuel Cook was a colourful and forceful character and he announced to the people of Dudley that he had opened a draper's shop in the town," says Andy.

"With his stern look, piercing eyes and mutton-chop whiskers he was a rebel prepared to joust with authority on behalf of the townsfolk."

"His business selling drapery did well but was obviously too narrow a career for him so he took on the role of public reformer."

SOME of the causes he fought for included early closing for shops, equality of women, miners being paid a fair wage, for every man to have the vote and for anyone, rich or poor, to be able to stand for parliament.

"In 1827 he was arrested and charged with libel as he had plas-



The document which landed Samuel Cook before the court

tered the town with posters calling for fair pay for miners and nailers, which led to riots in the town," says Andy.

"It was one of the biggest scandals

of his lifetime but afterwards he became more popular than ever."

Samuel was charged with 'writing and publishing in his shop window at Dudley certain false, seditious and scandalous libels tending to inflame the minds and alienate the affections of the people of His Majesty the King and the excite them to traitorous insurrections against the government'.

Travelling home, after facing a judge at Worcester Assizes, Samuel was met at Stourbridge by a horse-drawn carriage, a brass band and a huge crowd of cheering people.

By the time Dudley's Top Church came into view, 40,000 of his supporters had joined the procession, including hundreds of miners and nailers.

Andy says: "Samuel was a devout Christian but he campaigned for voting rights against church rates, and actually refused to pay them himself. He helped to form the Dudley Political Union and he contested the Wolverhampton seat for parliament in 1847. He also gave several speeches on the equality of

women in the 1855 General Election and continued his political work until his death in 1861."

After Samuel's death the business was eventually passed on to his grandson Frederick William Cook, whose name was on the front of the shop until it closed in 1983.

DETAILS of the FW Cook store have been uncovered at Dudley Archive Service during their plans to move from their present site at Mount Pleasant Street in Coseley to the Black Country Living Museum.

Frederick, like his grandfather, took a leading part in Dudley affairs but in a more conventional way as he became mayor in 1906," says Andy.

"He was also an enterprising draper and a period of change and expansion began at the store."

"Not much could be done during the war years but in 1963 the new departments were created."

An article from 1974 about the department store says: "Ladies will

find almost everything to suit their needs on the first two floors of Cook's, ranging from handbags and belts to fabrics, fashions, underwear, school uniforms, hats, furniture, bedding, floor coverings and numerous other interesting items. There is no need to dice with the traffic and rush from shop to shop to get your purchases. Here, they are all under one roof."

The shop had a popular coffee lounge where "a man can relax with his paper while his wife browses round the store."

Andy adds: "The store closed in 1983 because no-one from the family's younger generation was available to take over the running of the business."

The store reopened the following year under the same name, but was made up of several independent concessions. It closed for good in 1988, and the building is now occupied by a takeaway restaurant, a supermarket and a nightclub and pool hall.

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## Lions set for silver jubilee knees-up



Dudley Lions member Ray McKuirk, right, and president Sue Bird in celebration mood to mark the organisation's 25th anniversary at Black Country Living Museum along with guides in period dress, Jean Ambrose and Ruth Marsh

A DUDLEY charity is preparing to celebrate 25 years of fundraising with a good old fashioned knees-up

Volunteers from Dudley Lions Club will descend on Black Country Living Museum this Saturday to commemorate their silver anniversary in style.

Around 100 special guests have been invited to get into the party spirit by donning flat caps and pinafores, while traditional Black Country food will be served up at the museum's Workers' Institute.

Fish and chips and sherry trifle will be on the menu and local theatre group Fizzog will give the

revellers a raucous Black Country welcome.

Lions Club president Sue Bird said: "We are excited to celebrate another successful year of fundraising with our 25th anniversary charter."

### Generosity

"Every penny we raise goes to charity and we couldn't do this without the fantastic support we get from our friends, families and the wonderful generosity of local people."

"We will enjoy raising a glass to everyone at our celebration to say a massive and heartfelt thank you."

More than £100,000 has been raised by Dudley Lions since its formation in 1986.

In the past 12 months the charity has handed over about £3,500 to Birmingham Children's Hospital, Dudley Hospital Radio, The Poppy Appeal and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

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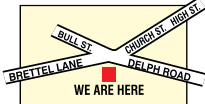
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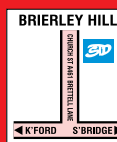
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# Soccer training with sting in tail

## Side by Side with trophies



Trophies galore for Side by Side members, back from left, Mark Slater, Judy Alcock, James Emtage and Claire Attwood. Front, Amanda Hill, Sarah Field and Judy Crosby

A THEATRE and dance group for people with learning disabilities is celebrating after scooping four awards at two performing arts festivals.

Stourbridge-based Side by Side Theatre Company won three awards at the Dudley Festival of Music, Drama and Dance, picking up outstanding and distinction prizes for their plays as well as

the chairman's trophy for group-devised theatre.

Members followed up at the Worcestershire Theatre Festival by winning the Peter Melors trophy for the most original piece of theatre. The group's latest awards have been added to a hoard of almost 70 to be presented since their formation 14 years ago.

PARENTS are creating a "traffic nightmare" by parking on a narrow section of a busy road in Dudley when taking their children to football practice, it is claimed.

Cars are being left in Bells Lane, Wordsley, on Saturday mornings during training sessions for Wordsley Wasps FC at nearby King George V Park.

Calls have now been made for double yellow lines to be introduced to outlaw parking along the route at any time.

Football club leaders said they had already taken action, asking parents not to park there and had posted a letter on its website.

But they said drivers who parked there are not breaking the law because no restrictions are in place.

Councillor Geoffrey Southall, ward member for Wordsley, said he had been contacted by residents who were concerned the situation was an accident risk.

### Difficult

"Cars are being parked on a narrow section of the road which obscures the view for oncoming drivers and making it difficult for buses to get through.

"It is a traffic nightmare," he said.

"If vehicles travelling on opposite sides of the carriageway meet in the middle they have to stop and one has to reverse to let the other through.

"Police have put polite notices on the cars but it has not stopped the parking.

"I accept they are not parking illegally just thoughtlessly."

Councillor Southall said he had now asked Dudley Council officers to consider putting double yellow lines on the road.

Chairman of Wordsley Wasps Gareth Frowen said the club had noted the complaints and taken action.

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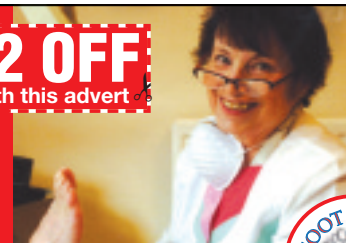
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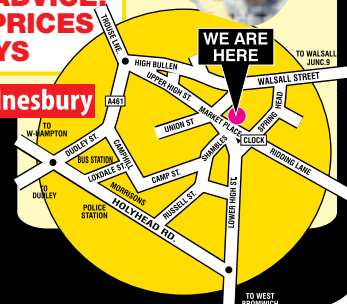
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# Insurance hitch over church reopening bid

## New store's virtual bank scheme

SCHOOLS and charities in part of the Black Country will benefit from a "virtual bank" set up by a supermarket to raise funds for good causes.

A new Costcutter store has opened at the former Broadstones pub site, in Two Gates, Colley Gate, Halesowen. The building, which had fallen into disrepair, has been refurbished at a cost of hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Now store staff are planning to set up a fund to be shared among schools and charities. A list of products will be drawn up and for every one purchased 1p or 2p will be set aside by the store to go into the account.

### Support

The products on the list will change every three weeks and over time the store hopes a pot of money will be built up to help good causes.

Staff hope there will be enough money for the first bids to be made in six months.

Area sales manager Paul Woodall, who is also a Tory councillor for Kingswinford said: "This is the first time there has been a Costcutter store in Colley Gate. We hope people will support the virtual bank."



Paul Woodall and shop boss Javid Iqbal celebrate the opening of the new store



St John's Church in Dudley

CAMPAIGNERS fighting to re-open a Black Country church on a part-time basis have suffered a blow after being told they cannot get insurance for the building.

Members of the St John's Church Preservation Group had hoped to get the go-ahead to open the church for a few hours a week to help with fundraising.

But their insurance company has said it cannot insure the building in Kates Hill, Dudley, in its present state as they feel it is unsafe for the public.

The church closed in 2002 due to safety fears but recent surveys have shown the church nave and chancel are structurally sound. The preservation group is working with church leaders and will be contacting a specialist conservation architect for advice.

### Frustrating

Group chairman Deb Brownlee said: "The situation with getting the building re-opened is rather frustrating but we are working hard with the Diocese of Worcester and St John's Church Steering Group to try to achieve this."

Members of the preservation group are asking members and supporters for ideas for future uses for the church.

It is expected to cost £150,000 to 200,000 to get the building reopened and up to £1 million to restore it. The church is where bare-knuckle fighter William Perry, known as the Tipton Slasher, is buried.

Donations to: St John's Church Preservation Group, The Old School House, St John's Road, Dudley, DY2 7JT. Website: [www.savestjohnschurch.zoomshare.com](http://www.savestjohnschurch.zoomshare.com)

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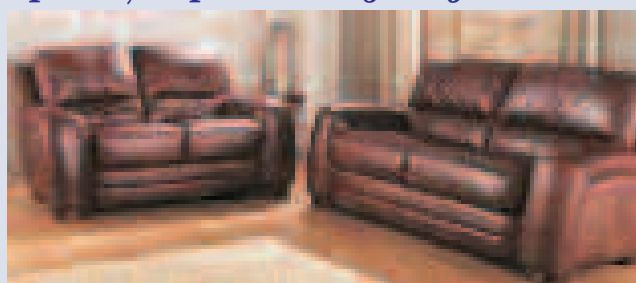
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### Round Oak staff reunion

AREUNION has been organised for former staff of the accounting departments of Brierley Hill's Round Oak Steel Works.

The reunion is due to take place on Wednesday, April 13 at The Old Cat pub in Wordsley.

Some will not have seen each other for 40 years. In its heyday the plant, now the site of the Merry Hill Shopping Centre, employed more than 3,000 people. Round Oak finally closed in 1982 after profitability was hit by cheaper steel

imports. One of the organisers, Pauline Iddles (nee Tittley), said: "We are still looking for past comrades. Anyone in contact with, or who worked in the cost office, Hollerith, wages or internal audit departments in the 1960s and 1970s and are interested in attending the reunion, are very welcome, along with partners if they wish."

Contact either Roy Sanders (01384 265477) or Pauline (01384 271430) for more information.

# Garden help scheme may be weeded out

## Book characters brought to life

STORYBOOK characters were brought to life by youngsters at a Black Country school for a day devoted to reading and writing.

Children at the Dormston School, in Mill Bank, Sedgley, dressed as Harry Potter, Captain Hook and Tinkerbell to celebrate World Book Day.

Birmingham poet Matt Windle also paid a visit to teach youngsters how to structure a poem and choose the best words to express themselves. He also performed some of his own works for the pupils. At the end of the talk, children got the chance to create and perform poems of their own. All of the events were held in the school library.

Librarian Zoe Rowley said: "The aim of the day was to highlight the importance of reading and poetry to the children while at the same time having fun."



Poppy Tonkinson, aged 11, and librarian Zoe Rowley celebrate World Book Day at Dormston School, Sedgley

MORE than 60 gardens of elderly residents in Dudley have been spruced up as part of a programme to improve the outside of council homes.

The council launched a gardening assistance scheme in April last year to help elderly and vulnerable tenants who were struggling to maintain their gardens through no fault of their own.

Many had problems getting out and about because of their age, meaning gardens had become overgrown and unsightly. More than £100,000 was set aside for the scheme.

### Maintenance

But council bosses are now warning that its future could be under doubt.

The figures out in a report on the tenancy and estate management arrangements by Dudley Council show the council has so far completed 24 garden clearances across the borough at a cost of £15,226.

Workers have also carried out gardening tasks at another 37 properties at a cost of £4,361 as part of the maintenance scheme.

But the report adds that the "sustainability of the scheme will have to be reviewed if take-up of the scheme does not increase."

### Firefighters in all in a lather boost Help for Heroes fund

A FUNDRAISING car wash held by Brierley Hill firefighters coined in £315 for charity.

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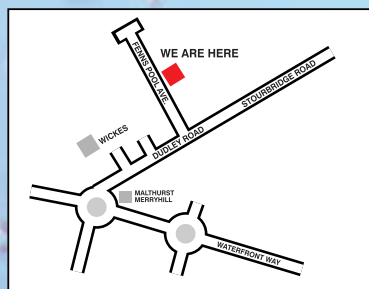
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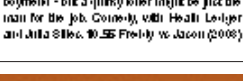


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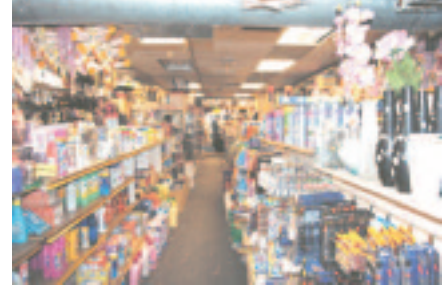






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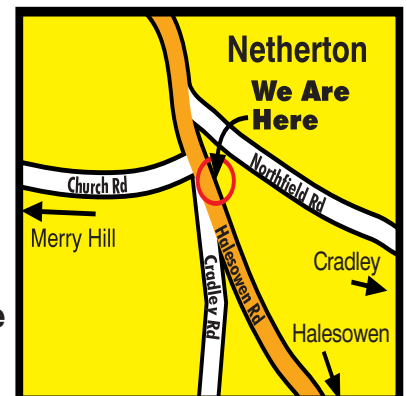
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## Reviews

**The Dubliners, Birmingham Town Hall**

YOU might ask how much longer can The Dubliners keep going. Well if you saw the grey-haired Gaelic gang enthral a packed Birmingham Town Hall audience on this St Patrick's Day you would realise for some time yet.

The folk legends had their army of fans right in the palms of their hands from the first couple of tunes, one of which was the old favourite Black Velvet band.

Returning to Birmingham after last year's tour in tribute of late members Luke Kelly, Ciaran Bourke and Ronnie Drew – all orig-

inal members of the group – the Dubs went back to the conventional folk concert.

The members may be ageing but the musical skills are as sharp as ever. Even Barney MacKenna, who has to be helped on and off the stage now, showed he can still hammer his favourite instrument, the banjo, and keep the crowd struggling to stay with him as he let rip when it comes to knocking out a reel.

John Sheahan, the other surviving founder member, filled the hall with his silk-like fiddle playing most notably with The Belfast Hornpipe and Swallow's Tail.

Besides the other excellent musicians that form the group Sean Cannon, Eamon Campbell and Patsy Watchhorn, the audience was the extra man more than once taking over the vocals in anthems such as Whiskey in the Jar, The Nightingale, Field of Athenry, Auld Triangle and Seven Drunken Nights.

For an impressive three hours The Dubs played flawlessly and promised to return for a "rare out time" next year when John and Barney celebrate 50 years of the craic with the band.

**Danny Farragher**

**Russian State Ballet, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton**

FROM joy to tragedy in the space of 24 hours – a perfect example of the versatility of the Russian State Ballet.

Sunday it was delightful tale of the Nutcracker, which packed out the Grand Theatre, and the following night, the second of the three-night ballet special, brought the moving and tragic tale of Romeo and Juliet. Both so different but both performed to the highest standard with accompaniment from the Orchestra of Siberia.

The Nutcracker, Tchaikovsky's fairy-tale ballet about a girl who is whisked away to a land of toys was delightful. The staging may have been very basic compared with other productions of this ballet (traditionally performed around Christmas) but this did not detract from the superb dancing.

The audience was taken on a magical journey where toy dolls come to life, mice battle with soldiers and a Nutcracker, the favourite toy of the little girl, transforms into a handsome prince.

Fast forward to Monday night and another full house for Romeo and Juliet. The ballet is one of Prokofiev's best-known works and the story is well known.

But although you are prepared for the tragic ending along the way you are treated to a wealth of lavish costumes and dancing with the fighting scenes, lighter moments and of course the beautiful and poignant dancing from the tragic lovers.

Swan Lake was to follow on the Tuesday night.

**Sue Attwater**

**The Blues Brothers, Hippodrome Theatre, Birmingham**

JAKE and Elwood, the Blues Brothers, are in town and are having a party.

No matter what your age, this energetic and fun-loving show will guarantee you a good time and give you that feel-good factor. It is a combination of comedy, kitsch, classic blues and soul.

The amazing atmosphere is created by the highly skilled musi-

cians and the superb vocalists that maintain a fast pace throughout the performance.

Making a grand entrance, descending from high above the stage, Brad Henshaw and Daniel Fletcher, alias Jake and Elwood Blue, make an immediate impact on the audience with their likable roughish interaction.

They produce some side splitting comedy that compliments their strong vocals.

**Corrie! Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham**

IT was a strange feeling, sitting there at 7.30 on a Monday night with that familiar theme tune blaring out. Except I wasn't at home. This was Corrie! the stage show.

More than 50 years of plots curtailed into one bite-sized two-hour production.

With just six cast members playing more than 50 roles, this was a fast-paced romp through the nation's favourite soap's best storylines.

Penned by Coronation Street scriptwriter Jonathan Harvey and narrated by former Street star Ken Morley, aka Reg Holdsworth, the show features all the soap's best-loved characters, from older favourites like Ena Sharples, Elsie Tanner and Hilda Ogden, to the likes of Gail McIntyre and Peter Barlow from the present day. Costume and character changes are rapid throughout.

Featured plots range from Gail's tangled love life, the Deirdre/Mike Baldwin affair and the tram crash that devastated the street at the end of last year.

The Blackpool tram crash that killed Alan Bradley was brilliantly done.

Character voices and mannerisms, such as those of Ken, Hilda, Deirdre and Roy and Hayley were spot-on.

Corrie! is a must for all fans everywhere.

It runs at the Alex until Saturday (March 26).

**Mark Shipp**

The three girl singing group the Bluettes' and solo singer Luke Jasztal added some wonderful support to the two stars.

Shake A Tail Feather, Everybody Needs Somebody, Gimme Some Loving, Rawhide, Soul Man and Jailhouse Rock couldn't fail to get your feet tapping and up having a boogie.

A well deserved standing ovation was given from the entire audience.

**Les Jowett**

**Tom Stade, Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton**  
CANADIAN comedian and one-time Bilston resident Tom Stade had the sell-out audience in fits of laughter. He walked onstage in a baggy suit and with a can of lager in each hand, and interacted with the crowd and got huge laughs right from the start.

Fresh from appearing on Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow and Mock The Week, Stade put his own twist on the inner-workings of British culture, with everything from Argos, Primark, and even Bilston Market on his hit list.

He appeared to be much more relaxed than when on TV, and after striking up a friendship with a member of the crowd, he went on to create hilarious anecdotes from their time together.

Away from the glare of the TV light, Stade spoke much more candidly about himself and what he believes in.

Touching on some of the most important subjects in the world, such as famine and disease, he somehow managed to convince the crowd that there is comedy in tragedy.

As the night wore on, the waves of laughter showed no signs of abating.

His story about the meat van at Bilston Market, immortalised on Michael McIntyre's comedy Roadshow, was the closer for the night.

**Jon Pritchard**

**Ed Byrne, Birmingham Symphony Hall**

FRESH from his announced hiatus from Twitter, Ed Byrne strode onto the large stage at the Symphony Hall ready to unleash his Crowd Pleaser tour.

He gives off a warm, friendly glow, despite regularly grilling members of the audience for turning up late. He talks about all aspects of his life, from having children, meeting celebrities, to the troubles of owning a cat.

The beautiful hall provided a great setting for Ed's whimsical observational comedy, and while he still doesn't get recognised by bouncers in Dublin, he is still able to draw a large crowd in Birmingham.

Ed has been selling out UK tours since the late 90s and his success at home and abroad doesn't appear likely to cease as he once again had the audience crying of laughter.

His ability to wind a story into a hilarious crescendo is unrivalled. The self-confessed nerd rattles through his stories throwing up witty questions, observations and criticisms about seemingly boring situations.

Ed also has a knack of building up a relationship with the audience as he regularly speaks about real-life situations he, and everyone else, has faced.

Despite not actually leaving the stage, the crowd applauded him back on for an encore, which would suggest his tour is living up to its name.

**Jon Pritchard**



The Undertones – celebrating 35 years

## Back to beginning on Undertones' tour

THE Undertones are a band that people know, but remember little more than their debut single Teenage Kicks, the favourite song of the late DJ John Peel.

Formed in Derry in 1976, in the middle of the troubles, The Undertones' teenage dreams were little more than safety.

Damian O'Neill was one of the founder members with his brother, John, who wrote Teenage Kicks.

Damian said: "Growing up in that period was bleak. It was a war zone. The band was our escape."

Lead singer Feargal Sharkey left the band in 1983, but they

reformed with a new singer Paul McLoone in 1999.

The Undertones have released two albums since then and are now touring again, with the release of a new album slated for the end of the year.

Damian added: "We don't do this full-time; we just do it to keep fresh."

**Celebrating**

"We're playing our debut album The Undertones all the way through, which should be fun."

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There is so much pollen blowing about on a breezy day that the female flowers have no difficulty catching enough to fertilize the stigma, thus enabling the flower to produce the nuts.

Most plants which produce catkins flower at the end of the winter or in the early spring.

The first that we notice is the Garrya, which has lovely long catkins flying in the breeze.

It is not completely hardy, so is often grown against a wall, where the grey-green leaves are protected slightly from the frost.

The one which we all know, and look forward to seeing in our hedges in early spring is the hazelnut, a native plant that has just masses of catkins.

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- Driveway

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**QUARRY BANK, WINDING MILL SOUTH**

- Impressive refurbished semi-detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Splendid lounge
- Superb refitted kitchen with appliances
- Refitted bathroom with shower over the bath
- UPVC double glazing & gas central heating
- Delightful front & rear gardens
- Garage & communal parking in a separate area

**£525 pcm**



**CRADLEY HEATH, WYCHERLEY WAY**

- Impressive first floor apartment
- Two bedrooms
- Superb lounge with feature fireplace
- Splendid kitchen with appliances
- Attractive bathroom with shower over the bath
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing
- Allocated parking

**£450 pcm**

**BRIERLEY HILL, GAYFIELD AVENUE**



- Superb semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Splendid lounge
- Kitchen with oven & hob
- Ground floor cloakroom/w.c.
- Refitted bathroom with shower over the bath
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Rear garden
- Integral garage
- Driveway
- No DSS

**£575 PCM**



**CRADLEY HEATH, GRANVILLE ROAD**

- Splendid semi-detached property
- Two double bedrooms
- Attractive lounge with gas fire
- Fitted dining kitchen with cooker & fridge/freezer
- Refitted bathroom with shower over bath
- Gas central heating & UPVC double glazing
- Large rear garden with patio area

**£495 pcm**



**PENSNETT, HEYDON ROAD**

- Spacious town house
- Two double bedrooms
- Splendid lounge with feature fireplace
- Fitted kitchen with cooker
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Separate WC
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing
- Rear garden and driveway

**£425 pcm**



**BRIERLEY HILL, 1 DADFORD VIEW**

- Well presented modern house
- Two bedrooms
- Splendid lounge with gas fire
- Attractive fitted kitchen with cooker
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Double glazing
- Front garden & drive way

**£450 pcm**



**BRIERLEY HILL, GORDON CRESCENT**

- Impressive first floor apartment
- One double bedroom reapportioned breakfast kitchen with oven & hob
- Lounge with feature fire place
- Refitted bathroom with shower over the bath
- Upvc double glazing
- Parking to the rear



























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<b>LOWER GORNAL</b> <b>215,000</b>  <b>FOXLANDS DRIVE</b> A modern three bedroom detached house set in cul-de-sac location with accommodation comprising of entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge with archway to dining room, conservatory, breakfast kitchen. First floor having master bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms, shower room. Driveway, garage, front and rear gardens. Viewing highly recommended.	<b>OAKHAM</b> <b>199,950</b>  <b>BENNETTS HILL</b> A new build three storey detached property, comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen/diner, first floor landing having two bedrooms, bathroom, second floor landing having master bedroom with en-suite, double garage, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.	<b>NETHERTON</b> <b>150,000</b>  <b>HOCKLEY LANE</b> A three bedroom split level semi detached property, comprises hallway, kitchen/diner, lower ground level having lounge, first floor landing having master bedroom, second floor having two further bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the rear with open views, double glazing as specified, gas central heating.	<b>SWINDON</b> <b>140,000</b>  <b>WINSTON ROAD</b> A well presented & much improved mid terrace property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, kitchen, lounge, first floor landing having two bedrooms and bathroom, off road parking, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified. Viewing highly recommended.	<b>WOODSETTON</b> <b>128,000</b>  <b>GRIFFITHS ROAD</b> An extended traditional semi detached property, accommodation comprises hallway, dining room, lounge, kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.	<b>TIPTON</b> <b>125,000</b>  <b>HUDSON ROAD</b> A semi detached property, accommodation comprises hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.
<b>DUDLEY</b> <b>125,000</b>  <b>TANSLEY HILL ROAD</b> A traditional semi detached property, accommodation comprises hall, through lounge, extended refitted kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, block paved forecourt, garden to rear with distant views, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing recommended.	<b>SEDGLEY</b> <b>124,950</b>  <b>CROWN CLOSE</b> A semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance porch, through lounge, kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garage, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. No Upward Chain.	<b>BRIERLEY HILL</b> <b>124,950</b>  <b>TANSEY GREEN ROAD</b> A traditional semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance porch, hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, utility room, w.c., first floor having two bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garden to the rear, part double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.	<b>DUDLEY</b> <b>from 119,950</b>  <b>PARK VIEW PROSPECT ROW</b> A development of quality two bedroom semi detached and detached homes with extensive views over Buffery Park. <b>SHOW HOME OPEN EVERY SATURDAY FROM 11AM - 4PM.</b> <b>5% GIFTED DEPOSIT</b> <b>ONLY 3 PLOTS REMAINING</b> <b>CALL CONNELLS FOR VIEWING ON 01384 214770</b>	<b>NETHERTON</b> <b>115,000</b>  <b>CHURCH ROAD</b> A traditional mid terrace property set over four floors with some original features, comprises hall, lounge, refitted kitchen, dining room, three bedrooms, refitted shower room, cellar, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.	
<b>NETHERTON</b> <b>115,000</b>  <b>COPE ROAD</b> A three/four bedroom end terrace set on a corner plot, accommodation comprises lounge, kitchen/reception room two bedroom four, first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, front and rear garden, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.			<b>DUDLEY</b> <b>115,000</b>  <b>ST GEORGES ROAD</b> A well presented and modernised end of terrace, accommodation comprises two reception rooms, kitchen, w.c., first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain.	<b>HOLLY HALL</b> <b>110,000</b>  <b>BRADFORD ROAD</b> A semi detached property set on corner plot, accommodation comprises hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner, verandah, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.	<b>DUDLEY</b> <b>110,000</b>  <b>ELM GREEN</b> An extended semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, wet room, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. No upward chain. Viewing recommended.
<b>LOWER GORNAL</b> <b>110,000</b>  <b>TEMPLE STREET</b> A well presented mid terrace, accommodation comprises two reception rooms, kitchen, first floor landing having two bedrooms and bathroom, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.	<b>LOWER GORNAL</b> <b>109,950</b>  <b>WHITEBEAM CLOSE</b> A well presented mid town house, accommodation comprises entrance hall, through lounge, kitchen, first floor landing having two bedrooms and bathroom, garden to the rear, allocated parking, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.	<b>LOWER GORNAL</b> <b>108,000</b>  <b>PARK ROAD</b> A semi detached property accommodation briefly comprising hall, lounge refitted kitchen, 1st floor having 3 bedrooms and bathroom, double glazing as specified, rear garden and off road parking.	<b>DUDLEY</b> <b>107,000</b>  <b>EASTWOOD ROAD</b> A well presented mid terrace property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, first floor having three bedrooms and bathroom, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.	<b>NETHERTON</b> <b>89,950</b>  <b>SWALLOW CLOSE</b> A mid terrace property, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, dining room, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, garden to the front and rear, off road parking, double glazing as specified, storage heating. Viewing highly recommended.	<b>DUDLEY</b> <b>80,000</b>  <b>POPLAR CRESCENT</b> An extended semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hallway, bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and w.c., driveway, garden to the front and rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended.
	<b>TIPTON</b> <b>69,995</b>  <b>THUNDERBOLT WAY</b> A first floor apartment, accommodation comprises hallway, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom, double glazing as specified, central heating, intercom system, parking space. Ideal first time buyer purchase. Viewing highly recommended.	<b>NETHERTON</b> <b>59,950</b>  <b>GRIFFIN STREET</b> A well presented ground floor flat, accommodation comprises lounge, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom, off road parking, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain.	<b>TIPTON</b> <b>49,950</b>  <b>ANDERSON GARDENS</b> A first floor flat in need of general updating, accommodation comprises hall, lounge, kitchen, bedroom one and box room/study, bathroom, central heating, double glazing as specified. Communal gardens, communal parking. Ideal first time purchase. No Upward Chain.	<b>PUBLIC NOTICE</b> Connells are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £124,950 for 47 Kings Road Sedgley DY3 1HP. Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact Connells 4-5 Stone Street Dudley DY1 1NS 01384 214770 before exchange of contracts.	

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- Spacious accommodation with three bedrooms
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## NEW

49 DUMBLEBERRY AVENUE £205,000

## SEDGLEY

- Considerably extended semi detached
- Four/five bedrooms
- Flexible accommodation with 'granny flat' potential
- Popular Brownsall estate
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## NEW

9 NORTHWAY O/A £179,950

## SEDGLEY

- Detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Well proportioned accommodation
- Requires updating
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



## NEW

124 DOVEDALE ROAD £175,000

## ETTINGSALL PARK

- Extended & improved semi detached
- Three double bedrooms
- Spacious bathroom, large kitchen
- Double glazing & gas central heating
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## NEW

73 OLD PARK ROAD £175,000

## DUDLEY

- Extended semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Large kitchen, conservatory
- Utility room, shower room
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## NEW

5 TURLS HILL ROAD £169,950

## SEDGLEY

- Extended traditional semi detached
- Three bedrooms
- Conservatory, extended kitchen
- Popular locality
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



## NEW

446 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD EAST £150,000

## WOLVERHAMPTON

- Spacious house on large garden plot
- Re-development opportunity
- Potential for 2 detached properties on site
- Established convenient area
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



## NEW

29 DALESWOOD PARK £133,000

## ROMSLEY

- Well proportioned park home
- Two bedrooms, lounge/dining room
- Shower room
- Gardens with enclosed rear balcony/terrace
- DUDLEY OFFICE



## NEW

5 WINDMILL VIEW £129,950

## WOODSETTON

- Spacious semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room, separate wc
- Majority uPVC double glazing
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



## NEW

49 MARLBOROUGH RD £124,950

## WOODSETTON

- Well presented town house
- Three bedrooms
- Sitting room, kitchen/dining area
- Garage
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



## NEW

6 KOSSUTH ROAD £121,950

## WOODCROSS

- Well maintained semi detached
- Three bedrooms
- uPVC double glazing & gas central heating
- Detached garage
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



## NEW

15 BEECH CLOSE £117,500

## SEDGLEY

- Well presented semi detached
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room
- Re-fitted kitchen
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



## NEW

55 KINGS ROAD £109,000

## SEDGLEY

- Terraced house
- Well maintained & improved
- Three bedrooms
- Refurbished & refitted
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



## NEW

42 MINEHEAD ROAD £104,950

## DUDLEY

- Good sized level gardens
- Detached single garage
- Two double bedrooms
- uPVC double glazing
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## REDUCED

3 ROUND HILL £99,950

## SEDGLEY

- Two bedrooms
- In need of some cosmetic updating
- Convenient location
- Double glazed windows & gas central heating
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## NEW

11 BLACKBROOK ROAD £99,950

## DUDLEY

- Terraced house with three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Shower room, separate wc
- Conservatory
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## REDUCED

5 WINDSOR STREET £90,000

## BILSTON

- A well presented mid terraced house
- Two double bedrooms & two sitting rooms
- Well proportioned accommodation
- Off street parking
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



## REDUCED

14-15 SEDGLEY ROAD WEST £45,000

## TIPTON

- Building plot
- Planning permission for a 4 bedroom detached house
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## NETHERTON

### AWBRIDGE ROAD

• Semi Detached Residence • Three Bedrooms • Lounge • To Rear • Fitted Kitchen • Diner • Ground Floor Cloakroom • GCH System • D/G Where Stated • Black Paved Driveway • No Chain

**£110,000** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## DUDLEY

### PEBWORTH GROVE

• Semi Detached Residence • Three Bedrooms • Lounge • Kitchen • Diner • To Rear • Storage Heaters • Double Glazing Where Stated • Driveway

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## DUDLEY

### STOURBRIDGE ROAD

• Mid Terraced Residence • Three Bedrooms • First Floor Bathroom • Two Reception Rooms • Kitchen • Double Glazing Where Stated • No Chain

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## TIVIDALE

### CLUN CLOSE

• Three Bedroom Extended Linked Semi Detached • Two Reception Rooms • Extended Kitchen • Electric Heaters • Double Glazing • Garage and Driveway • Rear Garden

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• An Investment Opportunity • Office, Conference Room, Kitchen, Dining Room & Cloakrooms • To Ground Floor • Three Reception Rooms, Kitchen & Bathroom • To First Floor • Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazing Where Stated • No Chain

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## DUDLEY

### MONTROSE DRIVE

• Two Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow • Lounge • Kitchen • Having Integrated Appliances • Conservatory • Utility Area • Garage • Rear Garden • Gas Central Heating • Double Glazed Where Stated • Black Paved Driveway

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## DUDLEY

### HILDERIC CRESCENT

• Three Bedroom Bay Fronted Semi Detached • Two Reception Rooms • Kitchen/Family Bathroom • Gas Central Heating And Double Glazed Where Stated • Utility Room • Front And Rear Garden • Driveway And Detached Garage

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## NETHERTON

### LYNDBROOK CLOSE

• Extended Semi Detached Bungalow • Two Bedrooms • Lounge • Extended Fitted Kitchen/Dining Area • GCH System • Double Glazing Where Stated • Cul-De-Sac Location • Garage • Driveway • No Chain

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## DUDLEY

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### SWIN FORGE WAY

• Four Bedroom Detached • Lounge & Dining Room • Extended Fitted Kitchen • En-Suite To Bedroom One • Gas Central Heating • Double Glazed Where Stated • Driveway • Garage • Backs On to Canal • Cul-De-Sac Location • Rear Garden

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## DUDLEY

• Two Bedroom Mid Terrace • Lounge • Kitchen • To Rear • Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazed Where Stated • Driveway • Rear Garden

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## UPPER GORNAL

### CLARENCE STREET

• Mid Terraced Residence • Two Bedrooms • Dressing Room • Lounge • Kitchen • Ground Floor Bathroom • GCH System • D/G Where Stated • No Chain

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## DUDLEY

### HIGHFIELD ROAD

• Extended Semi Detached • Three Bedrooms • Lounge • Kitchen/Diner • Downstairs Shower Room • Upstairs Bathroom • GCH System • D/G Where Stated • Rear Garden

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## DUDLEY

### HAZEL ROAD

• Bay Fronted Three Bedroom Detached • Two Reception Rooms • Kitchen • Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazed Where Stated • Rear Garden Having Lawn & Patio • Garage • Driveway

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### SALISBURY CLOSE

• Detached Residence • Three Bedrooms • Lounge & Separate Dining Room • Kitchen • Enclosed Porch • Ground Floor Cloakroom • GCH System • D/G Where Stated • Views To Fore • Cul-De-Sac • Driveway & Garage

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## DUDLEY

### REDWOOD AVENUE

• Three Bedroom Semi Detached • Lounge • Kitchen/Bathroom • Toilet • Downstairs • Gas Central Heating and Double Glazed Where Stated • Front and Rear Garden • Driveway • Garage • No Upward Chain

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• Extended Detached Residence • Four Bedrooms • En-Suite To Bedroom One • Front & Extended Rear Reception Rooms • Kitchen & Utility • Ground Floor Cloakroom • D/G Where Stated & GCH System • Garage • Driveway

**£212,000** DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## DUDLEY

### CLARENCE STREET

• Two Bedroom Mid Terrace • Lounge • Kitchen • Ground Floor Bathroom • Gas Central Heating • Double Glazed Where Stated

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## DUDLEY

### WOLVERTON ROAD

• Two Bedroom Semi Detached • DSS Accepted With A Guarantor • Double Glazing • Downstairs WC • Driveway, Close to Town Centre

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### SOUTHGATE WAY

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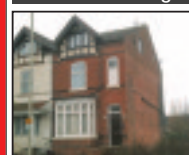
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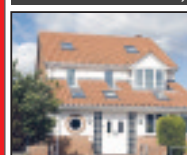
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**Price: £209,950****KINGSWINFORD****14 Melbourne Close**

**NEW**

Commanding an elevated position within this highly sought after address and occupying an excellent sized plot, this SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED, MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME now offers a SUPERB FOUR BEDROOM LAYOUT, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious lounge, separate formal dining room, fitted kitchen, FOUR GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, bathroom and separate shower room. Set back beyond a LARGE DRIVEWAY with approach to the GARAGE, together with attractive front / side gardens with lawns / shrubs and enjoying a GOOD SIZED & ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT PRIVATE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**Price: £204,950****WOLVERHAMPTON****Dovedale Road, Ettingshall Park**

**NEW**

An exceptionally stylish, tremendously enhanced, modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed semi detached in popular district. Having good distant views & within walking distance of so many amenities, the accommodation comprises entrance porch, reception hall, 24'3" through living room (previously separate rooms) with superb 'multi-fuel' stove & double doors through to a larger UPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY (19'2" x 10'6"), enlarged/refitted kitchen, understair store, Three bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite (whirlpool bath), garage, double parking, landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £172,500****WITHYMOOR VILLAGE****Gayfield Avenue**

**NEW**

We are pleased to offer for sale this extended, gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed, modern style three bedroomed link detached property, which has been sensibly priced for the current market. Ideally suited to the young family, the accommodation comprises: porch, hall, lounge, kitchen, extended dining area, three first floor bedrooms, bathroom, cavity wall insulation, burglar alarm. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**Offers Around £152,950****WORDSLEY****33 Newbury Road**

**NEW**

This SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND GREATLY IMPROVED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME enjoys a superb setting upon the much 'Ashwood Park / Forest Lawns' and offers a SUCCESSFULLY ENLARGED AND WELL APPOINTED LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious lounge, separate formal dining room, extended and attractively fitted kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS and classic white bathroom. Set back beyond the LARGE TARMAC DRIVEWAY to the fore with approach to the GARAGE and enjoying an ATTRACTIVE LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**Price: £152,950****KINGSWINFORD****20 Sunnymede Road**

**NEW**

This SUCCESSFULLY ALTERED AND MUCH IMPROVED SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME is very well placed within this sought after and established location, close to local amenities, and offers a VERY SPACIOUS LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, very spacious lounge, separate formal dining room, ATTRACTIVELY RE-FITTED KITCHEN with built-in appliances, utility room, THREE BEDROOMS, classic white bathroom and superb loft (accessed via stairs in bedroom 2). Gently elevated and set back beyond the BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to the GARAGE and enjoying a GOOD SIZED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**Price: £139,950****WOLVERHAMPTON****Grosvenor Road, Ettingshall Park**

**NEW**

An attractive, conscientiously maintained, primarily UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, freehold, semi detached with potential in well regarded neighbourhood. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, store, 23'3" through living/dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, enlarged 27ft garage (sub divided to create utility section), lengthy secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £139,950****SEDGLEY****Bilston Street**

**NEW**

Conveniently situated within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring & all associated amenities, a PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed SEMI DETACHED that has been significantly modernised & improved in recent years & the superb well presented accommodation includes dining room with walk in bay, understair store, transverse living room with 'living flame' feature gas fire, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, reappointed bathroom with white suite. Three generously proportioned bedrooms (one with fitted units), delightful secluded level rear garden with secure gated PARKING (for two vehicles) at rear. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £129,950****RUSSELLS HALL****Pearce Close**

**NEW**

This modern style, UPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained by the present owners, and may appeal to first time buyers alike. Tucked away at the head of a quiet cul de sac, the beautifully presented accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, stylish open plan living/dining area, fitted kitchen with a fine range of units, three good bedrooms (master with built in wardrobe), bathroom with white suite, driveway, and a pleasant rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**Offers Around £124,950****COSELEY****Salcombe Grove**

**NEW**

A modernised, gas centrally heated & double glazed, freehold, semi detached with WIDER THAN AVERAGE PLOT (approx 12'7" between garage gable wall & side boundary) set in convenient cul de sac. Accommodation includes entrance porch - hall, L-shape through living/dining room with feature 'living flame' gas fire, upgraded kitchen & utility room beyond. THREE BEDROOMS, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, garage, block paved drive, gardens - tremendous potential. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £119,950****COSELEY****Andersleigh Drive**

**NEW**

An absolutely outstanding, EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & double glazed end 'starter home' enviably situated in quiet/safe cul de sac with panoramic distant views. Superb, stylish accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, refitted L-shape breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect and a computer/playroom beyond. Two bedrooms, stylish reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite. Potential garage space, lengthy landscaped garden with a secluded patio. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £118,000****NETHERTON****Cradley Park Road**

**NEW**

This much improved and well presented family home offers three bedroomed UPVC double glazed accommodation with electric heating, and simply must be viewed, comprising: hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three first floor bedrooms, modern bathroom, gardens to the front and rear, burglar alarm, garage, modern decoration. Realistically priced. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**Offers Around £102,500****NETHERTON****Cinder Bank**

**NEW**

This Victorian style, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed mid terrace would now ideally benefit from sympathetic improvement/upgrading, yet offers excellent potential. The property, which may be of particular interest to first time or investment buyers, briefly comprises: living room, dining room, kitchen, cellar, two first floor bedrooms, bathroom, attic bedroom three, garage, and garden to the rear. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**Offers Around £74,500****COSELEY****Fountain Lane**

**NEW**

A delightful, conscientiously maintained & particularly well presented, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED & UPVC double glazed first floor flat in convenient neighbourhood close to so many amenities. Excellent accommodation includes 18ft reception hall, elegant lounge, refitted kitchen with 'high gloss white' style units, oven, hob & filter, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, bathroom. Secluded/fenced allocated garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £72,000****LOWER GORNAL****Ladbroke Grove, Straits**

**NEW**

An attractive, EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED detached bungalow occupying a fine corner plot in well regarded, quiet/convenient cul de sac. Conscientiously maintained accommodation includes entrance vestibule, reception hall, two double bedrooms, enlarged shower room (former bathroom) with white suite, enlarged lounge (incorporating former third bedroom as a dining room - possibilities to re-sub-divide) and an extended upgraded 19'10" breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, pantry. Lengthy drive to a GARAGE and delightful expertly tended gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £210,000****DUDLEY****Priory Close**

**NEW**

An attractive, conscientiously maintained, and ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed interwar detached of character in favoured cul-de-sac just off The Broadway. There are a number of period features (N.B. lofty ceiling heights, paneled doors/picture rails), and the accommodation provides: glazed porch, reception hall, understairs store, lounge with bay, separate dining room with bay, upgraded breakfast kitchen, utility room, lobby, separate toilet. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), bathroom, separate toilet. Gated driveway to garage, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £209,950****WOLVERHAMPTON****Dovedale Road, Ettingshall Park**

**NEW PRICE**

An absolutely outstanding, Freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed semi detached that has been tremendously renovated & improved by present vendors in recent months enviably situated in favoured location with good distant views. The superb accommodation includes: enlarged porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, separate dining room (with door out to garden), stylish enlarged/refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, together with integrated oven, hob, filter, fridge, washing machine & dishwasher. Pantry. Three bedrooms (third bedroom enlarged into en-suite), reappointed bathroom with white suite (chrome detailing). Lengthy 177' garage, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £179,950****TIPTON****Hartland Road**

**NEW**

Enviably situated in a pleasant cul-de-sac; this most distinctive double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed detached family that would now benefit from sympathetic cosmetic improvement works, yet offers excellent potential. The property, which may be of particular interest to first time or investment buyers, briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, guest w.c., living room, dining room, kitchen. Three good bedrooms, bathroom with separate w.c., Garage, block paved driveway, and a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £179,950****KINGSWINFORD****11 Granville Drive**

**£5000 REDUCTION**

This SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED, EXPENSIVELY IMPROVED AND NOW BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED FOUR BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE enjoys a most pleasant setting within this noted address, just off 'tree-lined' Standville Road, to offer: porch extension, hall, DELIGHTFUL LOUNGE with feature fire, SUPERB 17'9" x 9'9" BREAKFAST/DINING KITCHEN with integrated appliances, SEPARATE DINING ROOM, rear hall with utility plus cloak/toilet off, FOUR SPLENDID BEDROOMS (three fitted), spacious en-suite to master plus refitted house bathroom and GAS CENTRAL HEATING plus UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Broad dentage with block paved forecourt and parking, GARAGE and generous rear patio with long secluded lawn. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**Price: £169,950****SEDGLEY****Turls Hill Road**

**NEW**

An attractive, ENLARGED, traditional, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed semi detached of character enviably situated in a 'tree lined' road within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring, open fields & many amenities. Accommodation comprises imposing reception hall, lofty ceiling height, understairs store, lounge with bay, sitting room with doors through to a garden room/conservatory, refitted kitchen with stylish range of units & various integrated appliances, lengthy store/utility room. Three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with white suite, block paved parking to front, level secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £169,950**



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Offers in the region of £159,000

**UPPER GORNAL****NEW PRICE**

Jews Lane

An attractive, conscientiously maintained & EXTENDED, mostly uPVC double glazed traditional inter-war detached of character in popular neighbourhood with good DISTANT VIEWS. Accommodation includes imposing reception hall, lounge with bay, extended sitting room, dining room, kitchen, pantry. Three bedrooms, stylish recently reappointed bathroom, 'garage' (narrow), block paved foregarden, secluded good size rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £152,000

**WORDSLEY****NEW PRICE**

3 Chapel Street

Only approximately 6 years old, this ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED AND VERY WELL PRESENTED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME is well placed within this sought after and established location and offers a SPACIOUS AND TASTEFULLY DECORATED layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, VERY SPACIOUS LOUNGE with ample dining space, attractively fitted kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS and well appointed classic white bathroom. Set back beyond the GOOD SIZED CHIPPED DRIVEWAY and enjoying an ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN, which enjoys an OPEN REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD 01384 401777

Price: £146,450

**WOMBOURNE VILLAGE****£10,000 REDUCTION**

60 Rookery Road

Delightfully situated within this highly sought after address, this CHARMING MID TERRACED COTTAGE HOUSE affords a VERY GENEROUS and WELL PRESENTED LAYOUT of accommodation which is READY TO MOVE INTO, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, well proportioned lounge, attractively appointed dining kitchen, rear hall, ground floor shower room and TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS. Set well back from the road beyond the DRIVE / PARKING, together with foregarden and enjoying a rear patio area, together with secluded lawned garden to the rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £129,950

**COSELEY**

Kenelm Road

This traditional style, bay fronted, vast majority uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached has been conscientiously maintained by the present owners. An internal inspection is highly recommended to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation. Situated in a quiet cul de sac whilst remaining convenient for local amenities, the property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, dining room, kitchen with a fine range of units, splendid CONSERVATORY addition, three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite and separate shower cubicle, block paved driveway & a lovely rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950

**LOWER GORNAL**

Chaucer Avenue, Straits

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL! A freehold, gas centrally heated (not tested) & part uPVC double glazed semi detached requiring some sympathetic updating set in well regarded/convenient neighbourhood. Accommodation comprises hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, lengthy drive, garage, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950

**LOWER GORNAL**

Kingham Close

COMPETITELY PRICED, a most conveniently situated & conscientiously maintained, Freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated (recent combi boiler) detached within walking distance of so many amenities. Individually designed accommodation includes; porch, entrance hall, fitted cloakroom, through lounge, breakfast kitchen, pantry. Three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with a fitted white suite. Garage, wider than average secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

PRICE: £129,950

**WOODSETTON**

Park Close

An ENLARGED, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached in relatively short/quiet cul de sac on periphery of Bramford Estate and providing some potential. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room with patio doors, pantry, enlarged RECENTLY UPGRADED kitchen with a fine range of units incorporating oven, hob & extractor. Three bedrooms, bathroom, substantial CONTRACTOR'S GARAGE (19ft x 9'1"), garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £122,950

**WOODSETTON**

Brook Street

An exceptionally well appointed, tremendously enhanced & extremely stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed townhouse of tremendous character that has been carefully restored by present vendors in recent years. Outstanding accommodation includes reception hall (with access to cellar) and lofty (8ft ceiling heights), elegant lounge with feature cast fireplace, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'light beech' effect units & integrated appliances, rear utility/laundry section, separate toilet, reappointed bathroom with white suite. To the first floor are two double bedrooms and there is a winding staircase up to a further third dormer double bedroom. Secluded rear garden. Vendor advises property is close to Coseley station 15min link to Birmingham. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950

**DUDLEY**

Colsyll Gardens (Off Westley Street)

A stylish, recently constructed, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached constructed circa 2007 by Lovell Homes and covered by remainder of NHBC guarantee. Accommodation provides entrance hallway, fitted cloakroom, 17'5" through lounge, CONSERVATORY, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units/various appliances, THREE BEDROOMS (one with en suite), bathroom, GARAGE, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950

**SEDGLEY**

Springfield Grove

Tremendously modernised & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached occupying a wider than average CORNER PLOT with significant potential. This extremely stylish home comprises; imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom, through lounge/dining room (formerly separate rooms) with double opening French doors to the rear, and a Multi-fuel burner, refitted kitchen with 'oak' units. Three bedrooms, stylish reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Parking, substantial work room (potential garage), extensive gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950

**GORNAL WOOD**

Himley Road

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY! (Vendors advise estimated rental level in the region of £500/£550 pcm). Modernised, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed DETACHED within walking distance of village & NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation provides hall, through living/dining room, updated kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, garden, parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in excess of £115,000

**LOWER GORNAL****NEW PRICE**

Chapel Walk

Enviably situated in quiet backwater within reasonable walking distance of the village and all amenities, a particularly individual 'quirky' cottage of character believed to date back over 150 years. The significantly modernised gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed accommodation provides refitted breakfast kitchen, excellent lounge, further room with potential. Two bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, small but secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950

**GORNAL WOOD****NEW PRICE**

New Street

A tremendously enhanced & exceptionally stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed, ENLARGED traditional intermediate terrace of character excellently situated within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Stylish accommodation includes 22ft through living room, separate breakfast room (with patio doors out to the garden) and upgraded kitchen, lobby, recently reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite/electric shower, two double bedrooms. Neat secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £108,950

**LOWER GORNAL****NEW PRICE**

Ellowes Road

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A gas centrally heated (combi boiler) and UPVC double or single glazed 'starter home' that has been SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCED in recent months in popular neighbourhood with GOOD DISTANT VIEWS from the rear. Accommodation includes reception hall, lounge, dining room, enlarged/upgraded kitchen, three bedrooms, tiled shower room (former bathroom), boarded/plastered roof space with two 'velux' skylights. Outer lobby, two stores & w.c., garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950

**COSELEY**

Oaklands Court, Ettingshall Road

This beautifully presented, most appealing & comparatively spacious two bedroom first floor apartment forms part of the relatively recently completed 'Oaklands Court' development and simply must be viewed to appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The uPVC double glazed property has been conscientiously maintained by the present owner and briefly comprises secure communal entrance with 'entry phone system', hall, stylish lounge/dining room with French doors, breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units and integrated appliances, two bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, secure communal gardens and allocated parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £89,950

**PENSNETT**

Primrose Park

This modern, two bedroomed terraced bungalow has gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation. Set in a secure gated complex the accommodation comprises: porch, lounge, two bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, communal gardens, and residents parking. Rarely available. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £84,950

**WOODSETTON**

Roper Walk

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## LOWER GORNAL



### COTWALL END ROAD

A two bedroom detached bungalow that briefly comprises: Reception porch, reception hall, lounge with an archway leading to a dining area, study / sitting room, fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, bathroom, double glazing, gas fired central heating, carport, garage and a pleasant rear garden.

**£189,950**

## UPPER GORNAL



### KENT STREET

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, an impressive reception hall, a spacious through lounge, a magnificent re-appointed dining kitchen, three good sized bedrooms, a re-appointed bathroom, double glazing, a garage with an office and w/c to the rear, a gravelled driveway and a delightful rear garden.

**£189,950**

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### NORTHWAY

A three / four bedroom dormer bungalow that briefly comprises an L-shaped reception hall, a lounge, a separate sitting room, a dining room / bedroom four, a fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden.

**£174,950**

## SEDGLEY



### BROWNSWALL ROAD

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge with open access into the conservatory, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

**£169,950**

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A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a magnificent fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and a lovely rear garden.

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### WARREN DRIVE

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

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### COWLEY DRIVE

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, an upstairs office, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden.

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### SHENLEY AVENUE

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises: A reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

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A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises: a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a superb fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a conservatory, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden with panoramic views.

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## FAIRVIEW PARK



### DIBDALE ROAD WEST

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises: reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, superb fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway for two cars and a pleasant rear garden.

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### SKYLARK CLOSE

A two bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a conservatory, a superb fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

**£139,950**

## FAIRVIEW PARK



### MANDERSTON CLOSE

A two bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a lounge, a spacious dining kitchen, an inner hallway, a downstairs wc, two good sized bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a rear garden and an adjacent double carport area that provides parking for two cars.

**£129,950**

## SEDGLEY



### ARCAL STREET

A two bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a conservatory, two double bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a double width driveway and a good sized rear garden.

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**£112,950**

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### SPRINGVALE CLOSE

A three bedroom mid town house that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, an open plan kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing and a pleasant garden with rear access.

**£99,950**

## TO LET



### LOWER GORNAL

A unique opportunity to rent a beautiful three bedroom detached house located in much envied location. The property briefly comprises of three bedrooms, shower room, large lounge, dining room and newly fitted kitchen with all appliances and downstairs wc. This lovely home has off road parking and a garage and an easily maintained back garden with shed. To view this property would be advisable.

**£750 pcm**

## TO LET



### PENN

This lovely three bedroom semi-detached property is available to let in a quiet area of Penn in Wolverhampton. This fashionable accommodation boasts two well-decorated reception rooms, an impressive hallway and a modern fitted kitchen with some appliances. The property also has a garage and a utility/storage area. On the first floor are two double bedrooms, a single bedroom and a modern white suited bathroom with shower. To the rear of the property is a garden. To appreciate this fine home, a viewing is recommended.

**£625 pcm**

## TO LET



### TRYSULL

This lovely one bedroomed first floor apartment is available to let. This unique accommodation stands in the beautiful village of Trysull and is located in a period building in the centre of the village. The flat has a large lounge, a double bedroom a newly fitted bathroom and kitchen with appliances. There is allocated parking and secure access. This flat would suit a professional couple or single. Viewing recommended.

**£550 pcm**

## TO LET



### DUDLEY

A delightful, first floor one bedroom apartment, part furnished in a modern development close to all local amenities. Fully fitted kitchen with appliances and bathroom with a shower. Secured off road parking and communal gardens. Contemporary decor and well worthy of a viewing to appreciate its benefits.

**£450 pcm**

## TO LET



### UPPER GORNAL

A delightful one bedroom first floor flat set in idyllic surroundings with beautiful open views. The flat has been tastefully decorated and boasts a modern bathroom and kitchen with appliances. There is a good sized double bedroom and equally substantial living area, would suit single person or professional couple. The property is close to all amenities and the village of Upper Gornal. To appreciate what the flat has to offer we recommend viewing.

**£425 pcm**

## TO LET



### WEDNESBURY

A pleasant one bedroomed second floor flat with off road parking. Kitchen with appliances and newly decorated throughout. Bathroom with newly fitted suite with separate double shower cubicle with spa shower.

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Motoring editor **Peter Carroll** drives the new car which aims to put a famous Midlands marque back on the motoring map

# MG that's out to show '6' appeal

**W**HEN the gates of Longbridge closed shut in 2005, with the loss of 6,000 jobs, many must have thought that the death-knell had sounded for one of Britain's most famous car brands.

But six years down the line MG is still with us, albeit under Chinese ownership, and has just launched its long-awaited, first all-new car for 16 years.

The MG6 arrives in final production form as a family-sized five-seater hatchback with coupe-influenced styling and high levels of equipment across its three trim levels.

Prices range from £15,495 for the entry level S to £18,995 for the flagship TSE – a car that is packed with such premium features as leather seats, climate control air conditioning, satellite navigation and a reversing camera, all as standard.

This makes the 6 cheaper to buy than similarly-specified rivals such as the Skoda Octavia or Ford Focus. The MG is also more spacious inside.

But perhaps the biggest surprise is that MG has delivered, as promised, a real driver's car with

sure-footed handling and a surprisingly sporty feel.

With its heavily-raked roofline and narrow windows the MG6 is very much a contemporary vehicle, with few 'retro' touches. I suspect its looks will grow on people. Saloon variants will arrive in the summer.

Inside, cabin quality is higher than that of the pre-production car I drove last year with an improved soft-touch dashboard, along with touches of chrome and carbon-fibre-style trim.

### Badge

The famous octagonal badge is present and correct on the steering wheel but the overall interior look is slightly anonymous and the plastics are harder and cheaper the lower down you go.

The seats in the TSE are comfortable but on the soft side and lacking both lateral and under-thigh support. Leg room is generous but taller drivers may struggle for headroom.

The designer handbrake is similar to the Saab 9-3's 'thumb-trapper' and a little awkward to operate.

There's only one power plant at the moment – a turbocharged 1.8 litre petrol developing 160hp. A 1.9 litre diesel is in development but won't be ready until next year. The petrol is only going to give



Peter Carroll about to drive the first all new MG since the launch of the MGF roadster in 1995

you 30-35mpg but it sounds peppy and revs freely to above 6,000rpm.

The MG has only five, rather long gears, but can hit 60mph in around eight and a half seconds. The car's top speed has been limited to 120mph in order to keep insurance costs down.

While the 6 is designed first and foremost as a family car it's also possible to have some fun in

it. The chassis feels rigid and taut and the car is stable and assured at speed. Provided you keep the revs up, it loves attacking twisty B-roads. There's masses of grip and very little roll. The steering has been set up to be considerably sharper and weightier than in the Chinese version of the car.

Ride quality is firm but comfortable and refinement levels are high, though you certainly hear

the engine if you put your foot down.

The car's interior could still be improved and its relatively high CO2 emissions of 184g/km mean it will not find favour with fleet buyers.

With no diesel in the range the MG6 is still a work in progress, at least as regards the European market, but at least it is off to a promising start.



The MG6 handles well on the road and is composed at speed



Close-up of the handbrake



The MG6's cabin has been improved

### FACT FILE

**Models:** MG6: S £15,495, SE £16,995, TSE £18,995

**Engine:** 1,796cc, four cylinders, turbo-charged petrol

**Power:** 160hp

**Transmission:** Five-speed manual, front wheel drive

**Performance:** 0-62mph in 8.9 seconds

### MG6

**Top speed:** 120mph

**Economy:** 35.6mpg on combined cycle

**CO2 emissions:** 161g/km

**Length:** 4,651mm

**Kerb weight:** 1,485kg

**Insurance group:** 13-14/50

**Warranty:** Three years/60,000 miles

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Also in showrooms will be the latest Corsa, which has received a raft of design enhancements to complement the chassis

and engine changes made to the big-selling supermini last year. There's also an exciting new colour palette, which includes fresh hues like Lime Green pearlescent, Chili Orange metallic and Guacamole.

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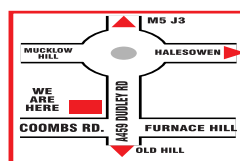
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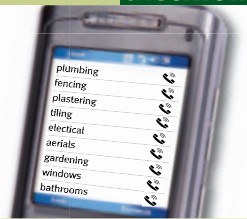




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Joy on the sidelines as Jon Tideswell goes in for the second try. Pictures: Peter Stinton



Simon Fletcher crosses for Dudley Kingswinford's fifth try

# Delighted DK now within touching distance of title

Dudley Kingswinford 33 Sutton Coldfield 19

DUDLEY KINGSWINFORD all but claimed the league title as they saw off their nearest rivals Sutton Coldfield in an absorbing game.

In the process DK extended their perfect 100 per cent record to 23 matches, with only two more victories in the final three games needed to secure the Midlands One West crown.

Going in to the game Sutton had lost just once all season – to DK in September – and knew that a win at Heathbrook would keep them firmly in the title race.



Tui Asi-Pito, left, and Ben Connett celebrate

## Wordsley Green's triple fight back to tie match

WORDSLY GREEN fought back to draw 11-all with Valley Fields in the triples bowling league at Our Lady of Lourdes, Kingswinford.

The Wordsley trio of George and Kath Powell plus Brian Bett had been two shots down to May Raven, John Siviter and Fred Cooper.

Kingswinford's Brian Sable, Pam Rogers and Arthur Bradley had a big 24-9 success over Jean Bubb, Sheila Bradley and Stan Griffin of Sedgley.

Wordsley Park's Ralph Hill, Paul Catmur and Brian Bennett won 10-8 against Dawley Brook.

In front of a large crowd of around 700 the visitors took the game to DK and raced into an early lead.

Sutton full-back Josh Groom cleverly chipped over the cover and was rewarded with a dream bounce which took the ball away from the DK defence and straight into his path for the opening try.

Stung into action, DK piled on the pressure and scored their first try on 18 minutes when Stefan Thorp was driven over for an unconverted score.

The hosts took the lead soon after through Jon Tideswell, who latched onto a superb Stefan Shillingford break, with Gareth Bown converting for 12-7.

Bown was then sin-binned for dissent and Sutton took full advantage when quick hands from prop Brook Davies created a gap for centre Ewan Tweedie to scamper through to the posts for a 14-12 half-time advantage.

Fourteen-man DK roared back into the lead three minutes after the restart thanks to a powerful charge from Shillingford, with replacement kicker Jon Higgins



Dudley Kingswinford winger Matt Farrington leaves would-be tacklers strewn in his wake

adding a fine conversion. A bonus point was secured when DK forged daylight between the sides through Bown, who sidestepped three defenders for a brilliant try, converted by Higgins to make it 26-14.

Sutton weren't going down without a fight and they pulled five points back through flanker Simon Millard.

But the game was won on 64 minutes when a midfield break from Tui Asi-Pito

was worked to Simon Fletcher for a crucial try, giving DK a 33-19 lead which they preserved until full-time.

DK face Old Halesonians at Heathbrook on Saturday (3pm).

A win with a bonus point would take them to a tally of 116, which is the maximum points total Sutton Coldfield can now achieve from their remaining four games.

## Hayter brace, but Saxons let it all slip

STOURBRIDGE let slip a 17-point lead slip as they were edged out in an enthralling Midlands derby clash.

A brace of Charlie Hayter tries inside the opening quarter should have helped steer the Saxons to victory – but missed tackles and the inability to deal with Coventry's powerful pack proved costly.

Jamie Hearn kicked a fifth-minute penalty, awarded following a high tackle, before sending another delightful kick into touch within reach of the Coventry line, writes **David Laurence**.

And it was this kick that led to Stour's first try on eight minutes, the Saxons jumpers stealing the line-out before working the ball across the backs to Hayter who ran through a gap that opened in the visitors' defence.

A second try followed on 19 minutes when Sam Robinson's quick hands fed the ball to Hayter whose pace again took him clear of Coventry's last line of defence.

### Regular

Hearn converted both tries to steer the home side into their 17-0 lead.

But while the visitors' defence has leaked tries this season, they have also scored on a regular basis and they bounced back in impressive style.

On 26 minutes winger Jeff Gregson cut in off the right flank to touch down beneath the posts, full-back Dan Richards adding the extras.

Flanker Matt Tibbatts ran through three challenges only to knock on just short of the posts moments later before Gregson claimed his second try on 33 minutes, exploiting space on the

wing to dive in at the corner.

Richards again kicked the conversion before Hearn slotted over his second penalty of the half to hand the home side a 20-14 interval lead.

A Richards penalty five minutes into the second period edged Coventry to within three points and the momentum now seemed to be with the visitors.

They took the lead for the first time on 55 minutes with a catch and drive move, hooker Matt Price dotting down with Richards kicking the extras.

Stourbridge hit back when Hearn and Ashley Smith combined down the left, the latter racing to the line, but Hearn's conversion missed the target.

The home side held on to their slender one-point lead until the 77th minute when they were penalised for pulling down a maul and Richards made no mistake from in front of the posts.

Hayter and Matt Thomas went close to bagging a late winner for the home side before Hayter picked up a yellow card deep in injury time for some unlawful footwork.

## Morris is so keen to make his mark

DUDLEY Heathens hopeful Ashley Morris is determined to make his mark on the championship stage.

The former British under-15 champion is taking a tilt at the under-21 crown.

Ten of the country's best young racers have been seeded to the final at Lakeside on April 15, including the Wolves pair of defending champion Joe Haines and former title holder Tai Woffinden.

But the other six qualify from Saturday's semi-final at Stoke – and that's where Morris comes in.

The 16-year-old, who is doubling up with Dudley and Premier League Edinburgh, has not even checked on the names of his competitors.

"I know what I need to do to qualify," he said.

"I'm not going to stress about who is in the field – just go out there, do my job and get the best result possible.

"Obviously it's going to be difficult with everyone going for the same goal. But the way I was going at the end of last season – and I felt confident at Edinburgh practice the other day – I don't see why not. I'm sure I'll bring the goods home."

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## MEESE'S MAGIC BOOSTS GORNAL

Stafford Town 0 Gornal 1

GORNAL held on to third spot in the West Midlands Premier (Regional) with a narrow closely-fought win at Stafford Town.

In a game with few chances it took a moment of magic from midfielder Dave Meese after 10 minutes to prevent a stalemate. Picking up the ball on the left wing, Meese beat four players as he marauded into the penalty area. His shot was well saved by keeper Andy Heal but Gornal's Lee Wherton lashed home the rebound.

### Big crowd is rewarded by fine victory

THE GLASSBOYS celebrated a successful first-ever Community Day as a bumper crowd of 619 – at least double the usual attendance – saw the home side win comfortably.

Gary Hackett's men could have taken the lead in the opening minute when visiting keeper Ian Brown could only palm a right-wing cross from Ryan Rowe out towards the edge of the box where the lurking Ryan Mahon sliced his half-volley over the top.

Five minutes later Stourbridge did forge ahead as Rowe exchanged passes with Linden Dovey before being pushed in the back by Ben Islam inside the area.

Dovey stepped forward and just managed to convert his spot-kick despite Brown getting a hand to the ball.

A minute later a long free-kick from Gavin Hoyte had Lewis Solly scampering back towards his line before the ball flew narrowly wide.

#### Rasping

The hosts responded with Sam Rock finding Aaron Drake on the right and he let fly with a rasping shot that just cleared the bar.

Stourbridge were almost pegged back in the 31st minute when a right-wing corner from Jamie Cole was met by a firm Hoyte header that crashed against the crossbar.

Two minutes later the home side again went close as a quick goal-kick

by Solly allowed Dovey to flick the ball into the path of Rowe who screwed his shot wide of the near post.

The visitors replied soon afterwards with Callum Lewis producing a good forward run before finding Draycott on his outside who took on Leon Broadhurst before striking his shot into the side-netting. Stourbridge made a positive start to the second period and nearly doubled their lead inside a minute as a drive from Rowe cannoned off the upright.

In the 62nd minute persistence from Broadhurst paid off as he regained possession and Ben Billingham was on the right place to fire home the second goal.

Stourbridge finally made sure of victory with a third goal in the 77th minute.

Dovey fed Broadhurst on the left and his fine cross was headed home close at the near post by Rock.

It was a rare moment of excitement, writes *Mat Danks*.

But Gornal will simply be glad to return home with the three points that keep them in the chasing pack at the top of the table.

On 24 minutes a Kristian Green cross-cum-shot fizzed across the Stafford goalmouth to safety.

Five minutes later Meese latched onto a clearance on the edge of the area but blazed his shot over the bar.

Just before half-time Green had another chance to double the lead but his header from a corner was cleared off the line and on the break Stafford's Nathan Cooper screwed a shot wide.

#### Attrition

The second half was a war of attrition in the middle of the park with both sides battling to get the upper hand.

There were few opportunities until a flurry of excitement in the final 10 minutes.

Eight minutes from time a Matt Marvin cross found Meese, but his header flew just wide of the target.

Then on 89 minutes excellent work by substitute Marvin Nisbett saw him beat the keeper only for Stafford's Oliver Parker to block on the line.

Gornal travel to Shawbury on Saturday seeking to apply more pressure on leaders AFC Wulfrunians and second-placed Tividale.

Stafford: Andy Heal, Matt Dockett, Oliver Parker, Josh Anderson, Justin Worthington (Tom Hatt, 75), Rob Tomlinson, Craig Holland, Dave Woodvine (Matt Buckham, 25), Paul McMahon, Gary Beardsley, Nathan Cooper.

Gornal: James Pemberton, Richard Young, Kieron Parson, Paul Henley, Chris Waterhouse, Gurdeep Wilcoo, Dave Meese, Lee Wherton, Cameron Morgan (Matt Martin, 75), Gregg Gray (Marvin Nisbett, 66), Kristian Green.

## Leaders inflict beating on luckless Sports

SPORTS suffered a heavy beating at the hands of the West Midlands Premier League leaders.

The game was only two minutes old when Wulfs took the lead.

Joe Williams returned a ball into the Dudley area and James Skedgel steered it past the keeper from 10 yards out.

Sports had an opportunity to

Dudley Sports 0  
AFC Wulfrunians 5

respond immediately but Mark Gore fired over from the edge of the area.

They had another good chance just before the half-time interval when Gore fed Matt Weyman but his tame shot was easily collected

by visiting keeper Danny Tipton. The second half saw Wulfs come out with more purpose and they extended their lead in the 52nd minute.

A Mark Swann header brought a good save from Pearson only for Skedgel to bundle home the rebound.

Swann then fired just wide of the

upright before Dan Crudgington made it 3-0 on 55 minutes, firing home after being released by Anthony Cox.

Swann headed home substitute Ricky Anslow's right wing cross in the 83rd minute.

Four minutes later Anslow fired home from nine yards to complete the scoring.

## Boss Perks commits to the Robins

NEIL PERKS has committed his immediate future to Dudley Town after agreeing to stay at the Dell Stadium beyond the current season.

The former Bustleholme manager has overseen an upturn in fortunes for The Robins, who have moved clear of the relegation zone recently thanks to five wins in seven matches.

Perks, who took charge when Steve Hinks resigned in December, had originally signed up until the current campaign was over.

Chairman Stephen Austin said he was delighted to give Perks a more permanent role.

"Neil's brief in December was to stabilise the team and build some solid foundations with a strong core of young Dudley-based players," Austin said.

"This has been achieved in an impressive manner and we are keen for him to push the club forward over the next few seasons."

"We are starting to look competitive against the leading clubs and some of the football we have been playing is a joy to watch."

#### Chance

Key signings by Perks have helped launch Dudley's mini-revival, including former Croatian youth international striker Dreniz Bala.

Perks said he was pleased with the way his young players had gelled.

"I have always been a big believer in giving youth a chance and so far the young lads that have been brought in have not disappointed," he said.

"This philosophy will continue whilst I am in charge of the team."

The manager also paid tribute to his backroom staff.

"I am more than pleased that Simon Peruzzi will be continuing into next season with me," he added.

#### Wayward

Former Kidderminster Harriers title-winning goalkeeper Darren Steadman had little to do in the opening half and Dudley's best attempt was a wayward Chris Whittaker free kick.

A minute after the restart, though, the visitors drew level thanks to prolific striker Dreniz Bala, who continued his recent form by heading home a right-wing cross.

Both sides continued to attack and Dudley came close when Alex Perry saw a powerful shot held by Steadman.

Just past the hour mark Bewdley retook the lead with the game's decisive goal. Chris Hough finishing off a neat passing move.

Bala was inches away from restoring parity but saw his fierce effort crack off the underside of Steadman's bar.



Chris Woodhouse, right, jumps with Gary Bearesley of Stafford Town. Picture: Richard Harris

### Bustleholme take the win

Bustleholme 2  
Shifnal Town 1

BUSTLEHOLME, with eight players missing due to injury or work commitments, dug deep to claim a West Midlands Premier League victory.

They went ahead in the 15th minute through a 25-yard screamer from Jamie Clews.

The home side got a second when Ryan Trumpeter's 30-yard lob found the empty net. Shifnal pulled one back through Andy Thompson.

## Lacklustre Tipton remain in top spot despite defeat

TIPTON remain top of the Midland Alliance but suffered an awful day, going down without a whimper to in-form Stratford Town.

Sam Alsop netted two cracking goals in the final 13 minutes but Tipton will worry that home keeper Joe Mellings was never once called into action throughout the 90 minutes.

Coalville's 4-2 defeat at Boldmere kept Tipton in top spot but they will know a vast improve-

ment is needed in the final 10 games.

A poor opening period saw little in front of goal with both sides cancelling each other out.

Former Stratford man Jozsef Jakab missed the target from distance and Alex Cowley also fired off target as Tipton were restricted to shooting from distance.

Andy Gregory headed a corner

wide of the mark for the hosts in what was probably the best chance of a disappointing half.

The home side started the second half the brighter of the two with Tipton struggling for possession.

With 13 minutes left and a 0-0 draw looking likely, Stratford broke through as Alsop lashed a 30-yarder in off the underside of the bar. Alsop got his second after Thompson-Brown's penalty had been saved by Sargeant.

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Kim Babb

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Business Skills offers a wide range of training courses for people who are keen to build on their professional development or get back into work through training. As well as being a market leader in training for Health & Safety, including IOSH and NEBOSH, Business Skills offers a range of apprenticeships, training and assistance for the unemployed as well as gas and electric courses.

Kim Babb, Director at Business Skills, said: "We support local businesses and employers through a variety of training courses - some of which can be tailored to suit individual needs and some of which are still funded. Through our Membership Scheme we offer consultancy, training days and telephone advice at differing levels."

Business Skills is a Patron of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce and was one of the first colleges in the region to be accredited with the Training Quality Standard.

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## Don't take our word for it!

22 workers at local firm, Control Equipment Ltd based in Netherton, successfully completed qualifications in Storage & Warehouse Level 2, Team Leadership Level 2, ITQ Level 2, Business Administration Level 2 and Business Improvement Techniques Level 2. The Human Resources Manager said: "By investing in training our sales department has expanded and this has resulted in a number of internal promotions."



A total of 29 workers, based at Dudley Council's Lister Road depot, achieved health & safety qualifications with help from Business Skills. Dudley's street cleansing team which sweeps roads, cleans up graffiti and helps remove fly-tipping was named one of the top performing teams in the country by the Association of Public Service Excellence awards (APSE) for three years running.



## Civvy Street to Savvy Street!

Business Skills is helping ex-forces staff to arm themselves with new qualifications to get them on the road to a new career when they leave the Army, Royal Air Force and Royal Navy.

Accredited as a preferred supplier by the Career Transition Partnership, we offer a range of training packages and courses which are guaranteed to combat a trip to the Job Centre when ex-forces personnel return to Civvy Street.





## Don't take our word for it!

Business Skills helped a group of local unemployed people polish up on their skills in preparation for jobs at the Merry Hill Centre. Clean Domain Regional Manager said: *"This was an extremely well planned project and the majority of staff who were employed through the college were highly trained and very well prepared."*



The first recruits from a pioneering Hospitality Academy established by Westfield and Business Skills to help local people find employment at the new foodcourt in Merry Hill are celebrated after securing jobs at Pizza Express.

Nick Lawler, General Manager, Pizza Express, said: *"The Hospitality Academy has proved invaluable towards the success of our recruitment process so far."*



## Looking for Something Special?

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If you're an employer looking for something special, Business Skills can help you recruit employees that will start work already equipped with the skills you need.

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Business Skills has worked with the AA, the Hoteliers Group and Midland Heart Housing Association recently helping them to successfully recruit and train employees.

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### NEBOSH

This course, which will give you a nationally recognised qualification in health and safety, is designed for Safety Advisers requiring sound initial training for their role and for those who advise others on health and safety issues including employee health and safety representatives.

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### FOOD SAFETY

This course is designed for anyone working in a catering, manufacturing or retail setting where food is prepared, cooked and handled.

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## Students brush up on their skills



Stourbridge College students studying Painting & Decorating Level 1 Diploma at the Advanced Technology Centre in Brierley Hill have been brushing up on their skills by painting a children's centre in Lye.

KIDS is a national charity. Locally, they operate from The Orchard Centre, offering support and services to disabled children, young people and their families, including after school activities, youth clubs, Saturday drama and dance clubs, fun and games sessions, sensory sessions, family support including home care support and information services.

The students - five in total - have completed the internal decoration in two weeks to a very high standard, supervised by lecturers from the college. Kim Fellows, Trainer, Painting & Decorating at Stourbridge College, said: "The students have really enjoyed the experience of working on a 'real job' and they have been a credit to the college. It's very important that we have links in our local community and we are grateful for the continued support of the Leyland Decorator Centre in Brierley Hill where the manager, Andy Davies, has matched colours for this project as well as supplying materials at very low cost."

Jayne Weaver, Manager at the KIDS Orchard Centre said: "We provide a valuable service in the local community, and it's fantastic to have our facilities decorated by local students. They have all been very professional, and the standard of work is extremely high. Our sincere thanks go out to Stourbridge College for involving us in this work experience project which has benefited us both."



## Local firm sparks interest in apprenticeships

Local Cradley Heath company, Chapman's Electrical, has sparked interest in apprenticeships by taking on three Stourbridge College electrical students so that they can earn while they learn.

Jon Copson, 16, Michael Robinson, 16, and Andrew Greenwood, 17 have been studying Electrical Installation Advanced Apprenticeships (Level 3) at Stourbridge College's Advanced Technology Centre and were put forward to be interviewed by Chapman's Electrical after the company, which has been established for 85 years, expressed an interest in growing and nurturing their own talent through apprenticeships.

Mark Lynock from Chapman's Electrical said: "Chapman's have a long history of offering apprentices training opportunities and is committed to having a well trained workforce, whether it is in our Aerial, Electrical, Sales or Service departments. As we move into the emerging sustainable energy markets, such as Photo Voltaic electric generation, we need a highly qualified workforce and what better way to achieve this than by taking on apprentices who have shown that they are committed to their chosen trade by securing on the job qualifications. Our three new apprentices will attend college one day a week and spend the rest of the time working with us obtaining their practical skills."

## Plumbers plug the apprenticeship gap



Five Stourbridge College students have been taken on by local employer Regal Building Services, proving that APPS really do work! Alex Stimm, Thomas Hunter, Adam Simner, Kyle Willets and Joshua Pountney have been employed by Regal Building services. All five students began on a Full Time Plumbing course, and now spend four days working with their employers and one day at Stourbridge College's Advanced Technology Centre in Brierley Hill perfecting their trade.

Thomas Hunter said: "I find working on site more enjoyable than being in college full time. In the 3 months I have been working on Site in Middlepark Road, Dudley I have been able to apply all of the skills I learnt in the classroom and develop them so I can now work to industry standard."

Colin Griffiths, Manager said: "I'm really pleased with all of the lads, they get stuck into all aspects of the job and are learning really quickly. They will stay with me until at least the Spring then dependant on work I hope they will move to the next project with us."

